CORPSE PRINCESS

YOSHIICHI AKAHITO

Corpse Princess

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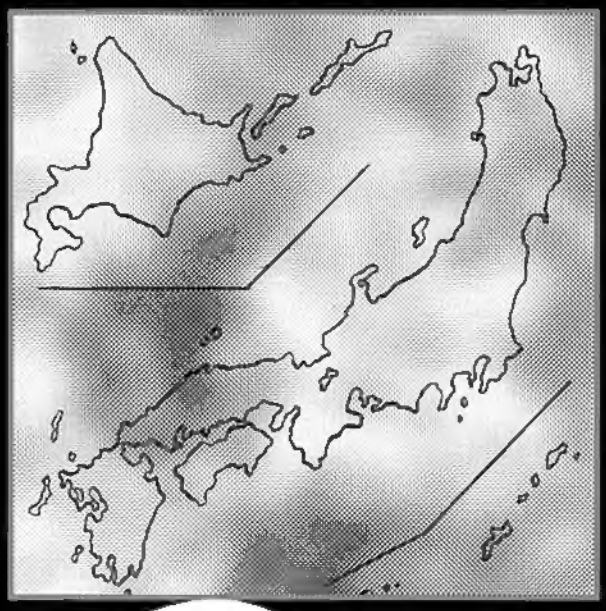

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PROTECTOR (NOUN)

Overseers of the contracting monks placed throughout Japan, this title is given to squad leaders within the Kougon Sect.
Forty of them are in service at any given time, and they manage incidents caused by Shikabane.
(Powerful evil spirits are sealed away in Shikoku and Kyushu, so those regions have special Protectors called "Commanders." They wield much stronger authority.)
In order to become a Protector, one must be at shou-soujou or gonshou-soujou rank and be able to use a Sealed Mandala technique.

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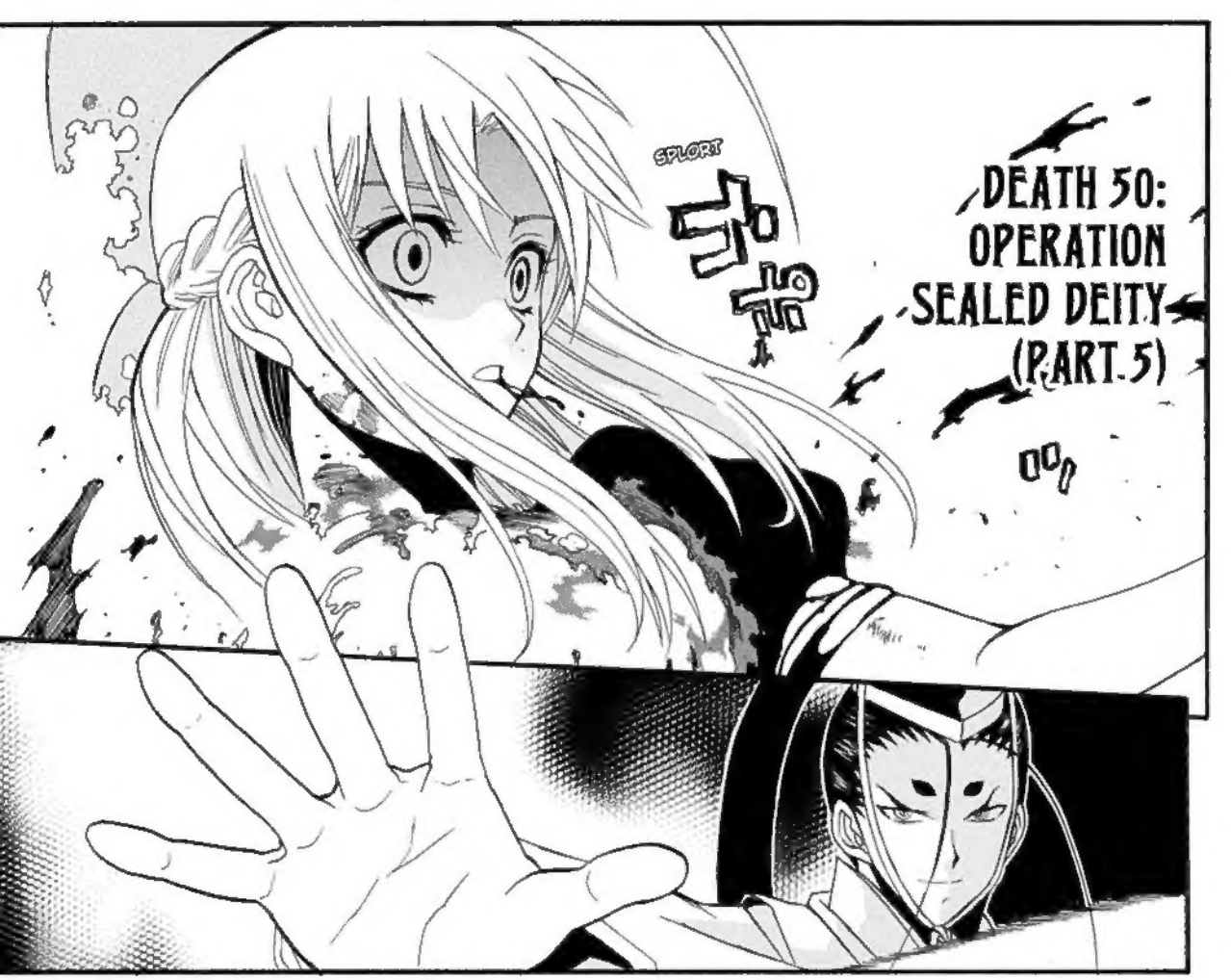
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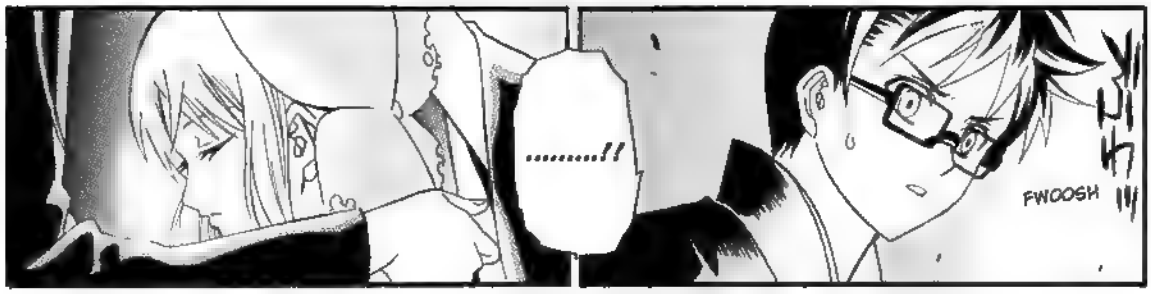
DEATH 50:
OPERATION
SEALED DEITY
(PART 5)

DEATH 50: OPERATION SEALED DEITY (PART 5)

AH.....
AH.....
.....
AH.
POLL
HAA.
.....
AHH.
U.....
...WAAH.
CLUTCH
HAA.
AHHHHHHH!
FWIP
AH!

NO WAY..... IT... CAN'T BE...
...!
...-SAN!
GRAB
.....!
DEAD?
ITSUKI ..... IS...
AHH .....!!
DEAD .....
HER HEAD .....
SHE'S REALLY.. SHE'S .....
TAKA-MASA-SAN!!
!!
SWING
SKID
SKID

NOT YET..... IT'S TOO SOON TO LOSE ALL HOPE.
..... NOT YET.
MA-GARI-SA— .....
..... AH...
!!
...THERE MAY BE A CHANCE WE CAN SAVE HER.
IF... EVEN A TRACE OF ITSUKI'S REGRETS STILL LINGERS, THEN .....
...HER CON-TRACTING MONK'S AURA.
...IS HER OWN STRONG REGRETS, AND...
THE ROOT OF A CORPSE PRINCESS'S REGENERA-TIVE POWERS .....
EH ...!?
.....!
OM BASARA ARATANNO SANBANBA TARAK.
THIS WILL BOOST THE AURA FLOWING FROM YOU TO HER AND FACILITATE HER REGEN-ERATION.
I'M GOING TO USE MY SEALED MANDALA TO STRENGTHEN YOUR BOND WITH HER.



THE CORE..... OF HER REGRETS.....?

ITSUKI'S ...
YOUR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE WERE STOLEN BY YOUR ACCIDENT
YOUR DREAMS AND OBSESSION WITH LOVE AND ROMANCE... IN OTHER WORDS
YOUR "REGRET" IS NONE OTHER THAN YOUR ATTACHMENT TO TAKAMASA !!
...REGRETS
THAT WOULD BE.....
THOSE... FEELINGS.....
WHOOSH
SLAM
!!

.....!!
GRIND
KAH !!
WHAT'S THE GOOD IN SAVING GARBAGE LIKE THAT?!
WORTH-LESS SCUM!!
FLIK
FOR THE CRIME OF DEFILING THE KING'S PRESENCE ...
...YOU WILL KNOW DEATH !!
AND ...
AS SCUM ...
WILL THEY?
I'M AFRAID NOT.
!!

SWIPE
DUCK
FOOLS ...
TOO OBVIOUS !!
TURN
!!
GUH.
!!?
BADUM

.....
WHAT WAS THAT .....?
.....!
TMP
TMP
TMP
STAND
.....
PREPARED, YES.
SANGLE
.....
HOW-EVER ...
.....
WHAT'S THIS, SCUM?
HAVEN'T YOU COME HERE PREPARED TO DIE?
A RITUAL TOOL OF HIS.....? OR A SEALED MANDALA?

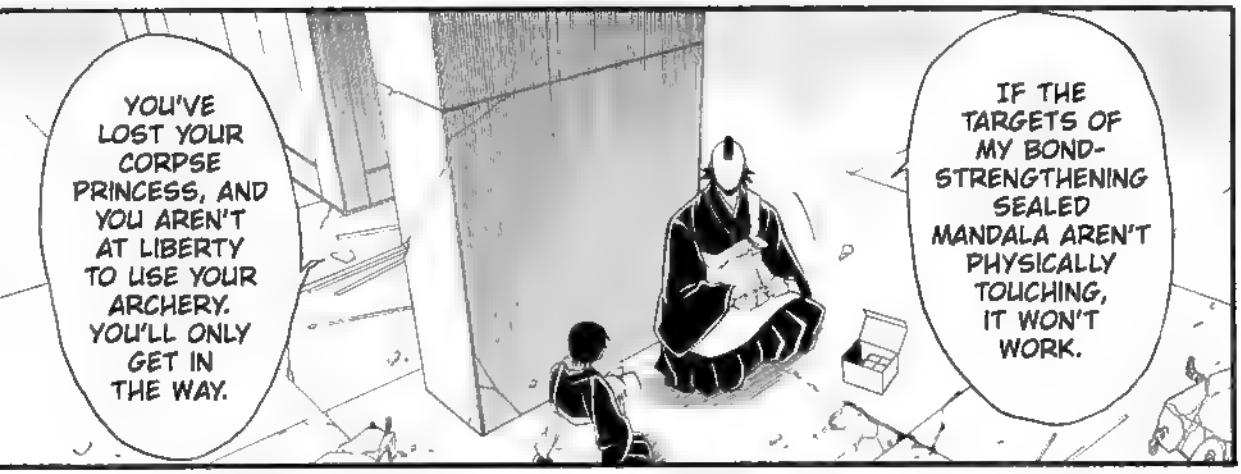
...RELEASE!!
SEALED MANDALA...
VOOM
SCARLET STAR FLUTE!!
I WILL DECIDE WHERE AND WHEN ...
...THAT DEATH IS TO OCCUR.
JANGLE
!?
SWAY
.....!!
THIS SOUND.....!?
THE SOUND COMING FROM THE FLUTE-LIKE TOOL IN HIS HANDS.
LIKE IT'S TARGETING MY BRAIN DIRECTLY TO CONFOUND ME...!!
SLAM
AND...
TWEEEE
THE VAST MAJORITY OF SHIKABANE WITH PHYSICAL BODIES (WITH SOME RARE EXCEPTIONS) HAVE BRAINS.

...MY SEALED MANDALA!!
IF THEY HAVE BRAINS, THEN THERE'S NO ESCAPING...
!
STEP
TCH!!
SLASH
KACHAK
SLAM
SLAM
SLAM
SLAM
LEAP
TWIP

BOOM
BOOM
FWISH
!!
THE SOUND IS ABOUT TO KNOCK ME OUT ...!!
FSSHH
Ghh .....
SHIT... THAT FLUTE ...
SKLIT
CLASH
CLASH
CLASH
CLASH
CLASH

SHAMING ME BEFORE MY KING...
SCUM ...
FOOLS ...
TWINGE
GUH .....!
SKID
SKID
SKID
OOZE
OOZE
OOZE
CREEP
OOZE
OOZE
DOOM
DOOM
DOOM
DOOM
YOU THINK YOU'RE SPECIAL, HUH ...!?

TAKA-MASA-SAN.
PLEASE, RETREAT FOR NOW.
EH!?
.....!


YOU'VE LOST YOUR CORPSE PRINCESS, AND YOU AREN'T AT LIBERTY TO USE YOUR ARCHERY. YOU'LL ONLY GET IN THE WAY.
IF THE TARGETS OF MY BOND-STRENGTHENING SEALED MANDALA AREN'T PHYSICALLY TOUCHING, IT WON'T WORK.

THAT'S YOUR REASON.
ABOUT HOW ITSUKI-SAN RISKED HER LIFE TO CONFRONT THE KING.
..... JUST THINK ABOUT IT.
...B-BUT I .....
.....!!
...

.....IT COULD BE THAT THEY'RE PRIORITIZING THE KING'S DEFENSE, BUT...
...EVEN SO, THIS IS OUR CHANCE.
..... WE'LL BE FINE.
THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE'S THINKING, BUT...
THE KING IS BOUND TO THAT SPOT, AND HE'S ONLY SENT ONE OF HIS PAWNS TO ATTACK .....
!?
SPLURT
MAYBE WE CAN DESTROY A BIT OF THE SEAL BEFORE SOUJOU UMEHARA AND THE OTHERS GET HERE.....
IN THIS SITUATION..... WE'RE STILL IN THE FIGHT.
SU-GUKO ...!!
... GUH !!
SHIT..... THIS MONSTER ...
SWAY
GAH !!
SLAM

SPLAT
!!
LOOM

...THE TRUE FORM..... OF THE GREAT APPARITION... THE OLDEST SHIKABANE AROUND, SAID TO HAVE LIVED FOR 800 YEARS.....
SO THAT'S .....
GULP
.....!!

PULL
OOZE OOZE
.....

FWOOSH
!!
NO
FLIK
BOOM

MAGARI-SAN!! SUGUKO-CHAN!!
!!
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO HIT. THE SHOCKWAVE ALONE ...../!!
SKID
SKID
SKID
SKID
WHAT INCREDIBLE POWER.....
GWAH ...!!
YES !!
STEP
GO !!
IRO-HA!!
!!
QUICK, NOW.
IT'S HIT HIM !!
LEAP
FWEEEE
SEALED MANDALA RELEASE !!
!!
TWITCH

SHLIK
RISE
!!
VOOM
BOOM
SMASH
SMASH
SMASH
SMASH
SMASH

GWAH...
...
UNBELIEVABLE..... KISARAGI-SAN'S SEALED MANDALA DIDN'T WORK...?
KISA-RAGI-SAN!!
...!!
LIFE
GAHH.
AHH.
GRACK
GRIND
GRIND
AHHH ...!!
THUD
!!
SNAP

OOZE
SCUM!!
IT'S OVER.
...DE-SPAIR..... AS YOU EMBRACE DEATH!!
CURSE IT ALL..... AND...
TENSE
SHLIK
SHLIK
SHLIK
YOUR OWN FEEBLE-NESS ...
GO ON, CURSE IT ALL. YOUR COM-RADES .....
IT'S... AS IF.....
WITH THE WAY YOU TALK .....
..... HA...HA.
WOBBLE
...ON YOUR OWN DEATH... THAT'S WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE TO ME, ANYWAY..... YOU DAMN SHIKABANE .....
...YOU'RE REFLECTING... BACK ON YOUR TIME AS A HUMAN..... AND...

.....
HMM?
WELL...? WAS THAT SPOT ON.....?
ピキッ
CRACK
.....
WHAT NONSENSE !!
TENSE

THUNK
.....?
CRACK
!!
CRUMBLE
TMP
CRACK
SHATTER

FLING
WHOOSH
POOR CHOICE.
RETREAT-ING INTO ME, THAT IS.
!!
WHIP
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
!!
BAM
WRENCH

.....
AH.
WE'RE A LITTLE LATE.
SORRY 'BOUT THAT, TAKA-MASA.
LAND
TMP
BAM
SENSEI !!
TAG OUT.
EVERYTHING YOU TO DID TO MY PUPIL, I'M GONNA PAY IT BACK ONE TRILLION TIMES!!
WHICH MEANS ...
LISTEN UP, SHIKA-BANE .....!!

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OPERATION SEALED DEITY (PART 6)

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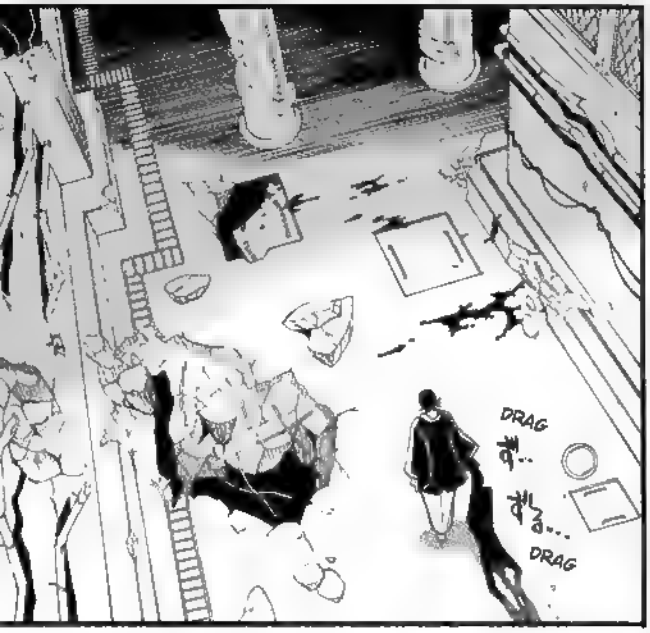

DRAG
DRAG

STEP

.....
ARE YOU DEAD, HIZUCHI ?

!
... NAH.
STILL HERE, HAZAMA.

SHADDUP. I WAS UP AGAINST THREE PROTECTORS, ALONE.
AND I WAS HUNGRY TO BOOT.
TCH.

HEH HEH .....
OH MY... WHAT AN ADORABLE FORM YOU'VE TAKEN.

HMM?
NO..... I DIDN'T.
Huh!?
DAMN ...
GUESS THAT MEANS YOU MANAGED TO KILL ALL OF YOURS.

YOU MEAN HOW THE SEVEN STARS EXIST JUST FOR HOKUTO ...?
PRE-CISELY.

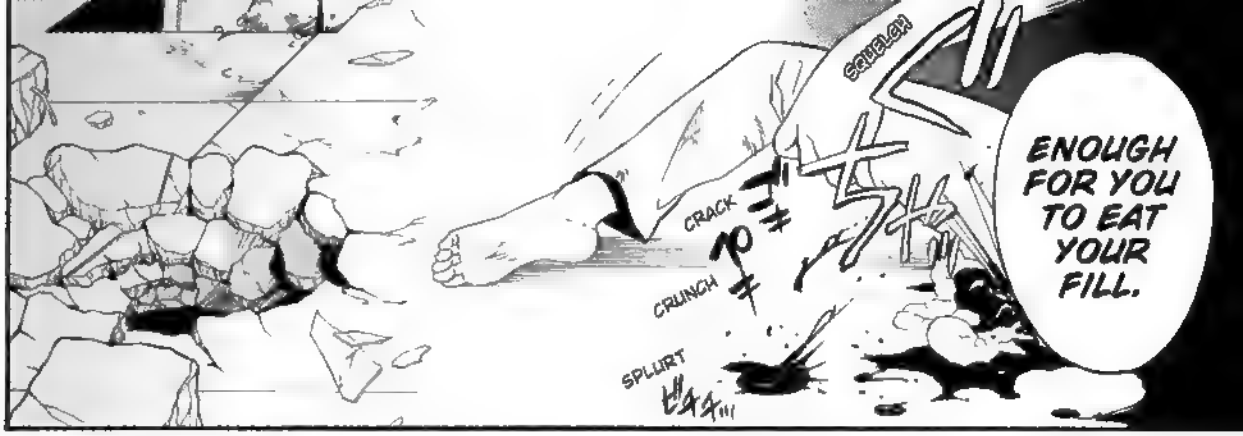
I ADMIT THAT A GROUP OF SEALED MANDALA-WIELDING PROTECTORS IS QUITE A HANDFUL.
BUT OUR DUTY TO THE KING DOESN'T REQUIRE US TO GO THAT FAR.
NOT TO SAY THAT I WOULD LOSE, THOUGH.

HERE.
IT'S MERELY A SHIKABANE DONE IN BY THE PROTECTORS, BUT THIS MUCH SHOULD SUFFICE, NO?
THUD
NOW EAT. HURRY UP AND GET BACK IN YOUR SKIN.

.....
NO COMPLAINING. YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DIDN'T FIGHT AT FULL STRENGTH AND WERE THEREFORE BEATEN.

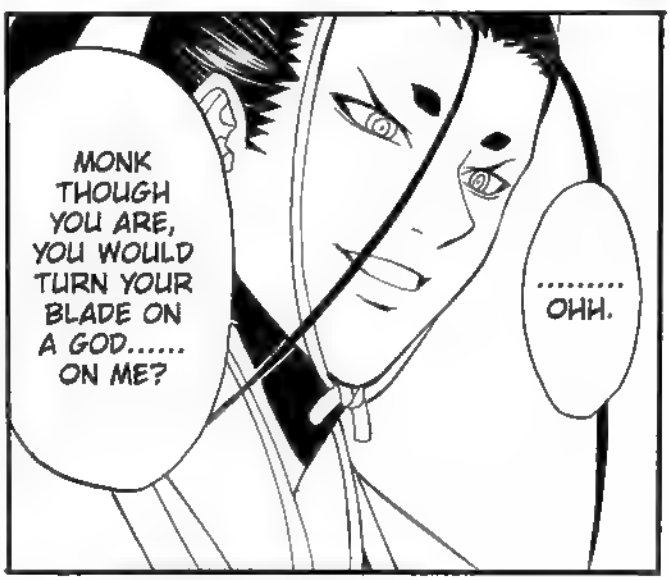
THE HELL... GIVING ME LEFT-OVERS? CAN'T GET EXCITED ABOUT THAT.
DON'T YOU ALWAYS GOT THOSE CALORIE BARS ON HAND? THAT'D BE BETTER, SO GIMME ONE.
NO.
BLUNT

BUT... WELL, DON'T POUT. IT'S NOT OVER YET.
IF THE KING CALLS IN HOKUTO ...
...WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO PLAY.


SQUELCH
CRACK
CRUNCH
SPLURT
ENOUGH FOR YOU TO EAT YOUR FILL.

FOOM

... DON'T NEED GODS WHO DON'T OFFER SALVA-TION.
YEAH..... BECAUSE WE MERE MORTALS ...


MONK THOUGH YOU ARE, YOU WOULD TURN YOUR BLADE ON A GOD..... ON ME?
..... OHH.

GODS ONLY EXIST 'COS OF PEOPLE'S FAITH IN THEM.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT..... SHIKABANE KING?
YOU SEEK REWARDS FROM GODS, AS IF IT WERE NATURAL?
HMPH... WHAT HUBRIS.
DAMN YOU!!!
SLAM
!!
SOON !!
You'll be scattered to the winds by my bow!!
You shall pay!!
WRITHE
You don't know your place, speaking to the king so rudely...

!!
THINK
PIERCE
.....!
THINK
THINK

IDIOT.
NOT GONNA HAPPEN.
SCATTERED TO THE WINDS?

HUH !?
YOU SCUM .....
YOU THINK TRICKS LIKE THIS COULD KILL ME .....?

BLUB
BECAUSE YOU'RE GONNA STAY HERE...
... AND DIE, PINNED DOWN LIKE THIS.

FUMBLE
!!
LEAP
WRITHE
AHHH!!
GAHH
STRAIN
Ahhh.
STRAIN
Giii.
Gahh.
STRAIN
STRAIN
STRAIN
STRAIN
Ahhh.
STRAIN
Ahhh.
MY CHAINS .....
NO WAY...

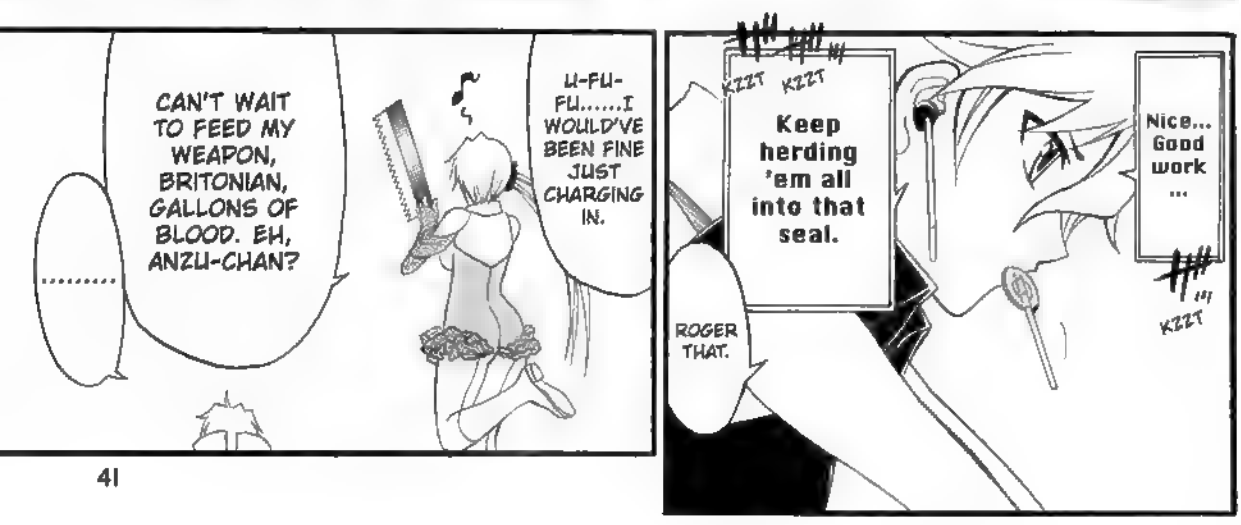
HIDDEN WHITE WATERS !!
SEALED MANDALA.
!?
PUFF
BLOW
I'M..... LOSING POWER .....!?
...!?
WHAT THE..... WHAT'S THIS .....?
...
THD
SO WHY NOT RELAX FOR A WHILE, GREAT APPARI-TION?
.....!
YOU WORMS .....
A MIST I CREATE FROM BOOZE...
IT'S A BARRIER.
I CAN'T SAY... THAT IT'S AS STRONG AS A PURIFICATION CHAMBER, BUT IN THE SAME WAY, IT SEALS OFF THE CURSES OF SHIKABANE AND CORPSE PRINCESSES ALIKE.
FSSHH

BE CAREFUL .....
UNDER-STOOD.
YEAH.
I NEED YOU TO HANDLE TAKAMASA FOR ME.
KAJIO .....
SOUJOU-SAMA...!
.....!
LI HONG!! AEGIS!! GREGORIO !!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING!? THOSE WHO MEAN TO HARM OUR KING STAND BEFORE YOU!!
Murder them!!!
BUT I GUESS THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO PLAY A LITTLE .....
!
JEEZ ...!
YOU'RE NO USE, KEITO.
STEP
WHOA, WHOA..... IT LOOKED LIKE YOUR TIME TO SHINE, SO WE WERE LEAVING IT TO YOU.

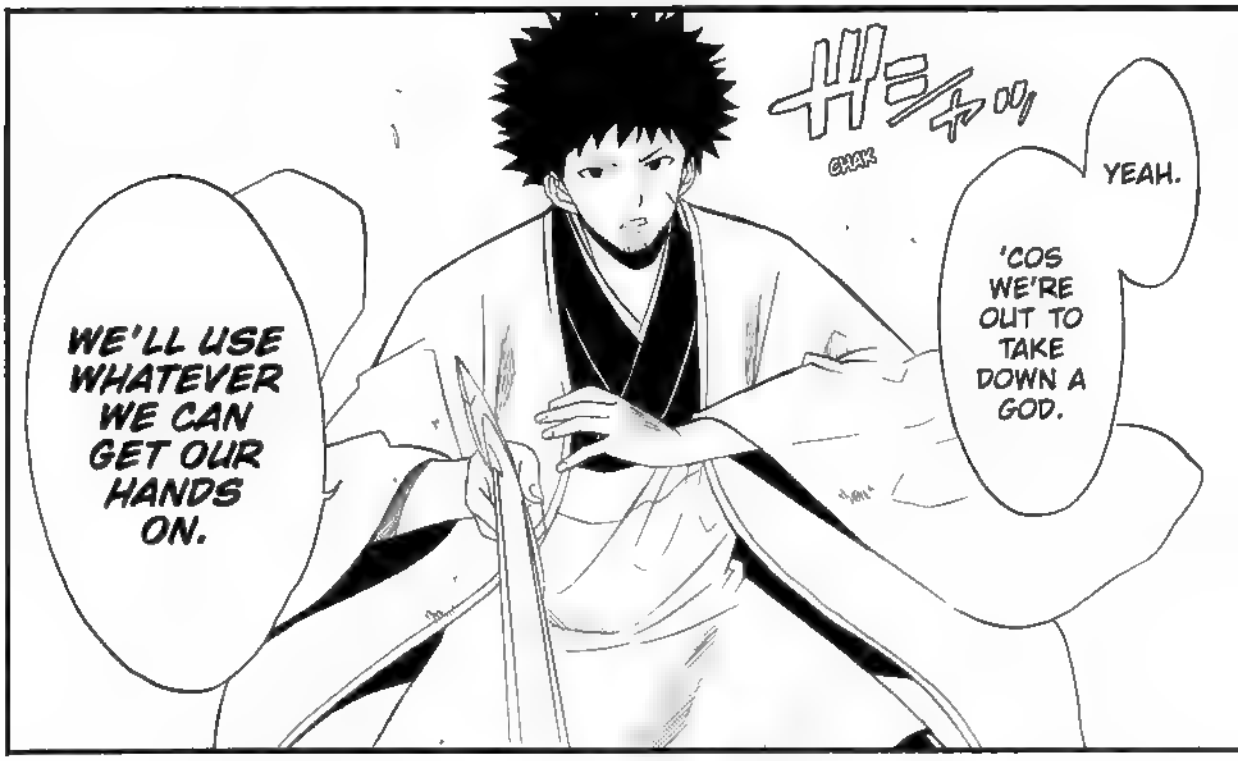
A RIFLE .....!?
SWIRL
SWIRL
!?
BOOM
BLAM
WHOA, NOW!
BLAM
BLAM
!!
BLAM
PLING
BLAM
PLING
PLING
PLING

THERE'RE MORE CORPSE PRINCESS-ES OUT THERE?
WHAT THE HELL !?

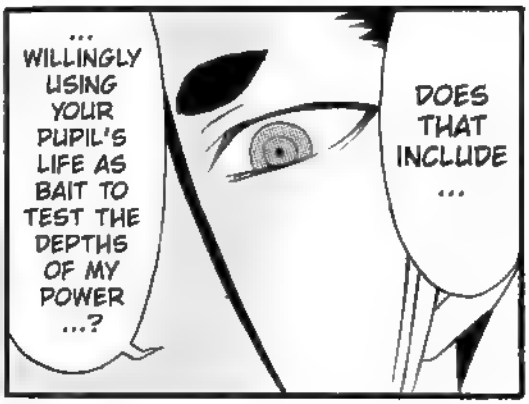
BAM


Nice... Good work ...
KZZT
KZZT
Keep herding 'em all into that seal.
ROGER THAT.
U-FU-FU.....I WOULD'VE BEEN FINE JUST CHARGING IN.
CAN'T WAIT TO FEED MY WEAPON, BRITONIAN, GALLONS OF BLOOD. EH, ANZU-CHAN?
.....

...YOU'VE MADE EVERY PREPARATION FOR YOUR AUDIENCE WITH ME..... AM I RIGHT.....?
HMPH.
IT SEEMS .....


WE'LL USE WHATEVER WE CAN GET OUR HANDS ON.
CHAK
YEAH.
'COS WE'RE OUT TO TAKE DOWN A GOD.

EVERY-ONE... CAME HERE TODAY PREPARED FOR THE WORST.
..... YEAH.


... WILLINGLY USING YOUR PUPIL'S LIFE AS BAIT TO TEST THE DEPTHS OF MY POWER ...?
DOES THAT INCLUDE ...

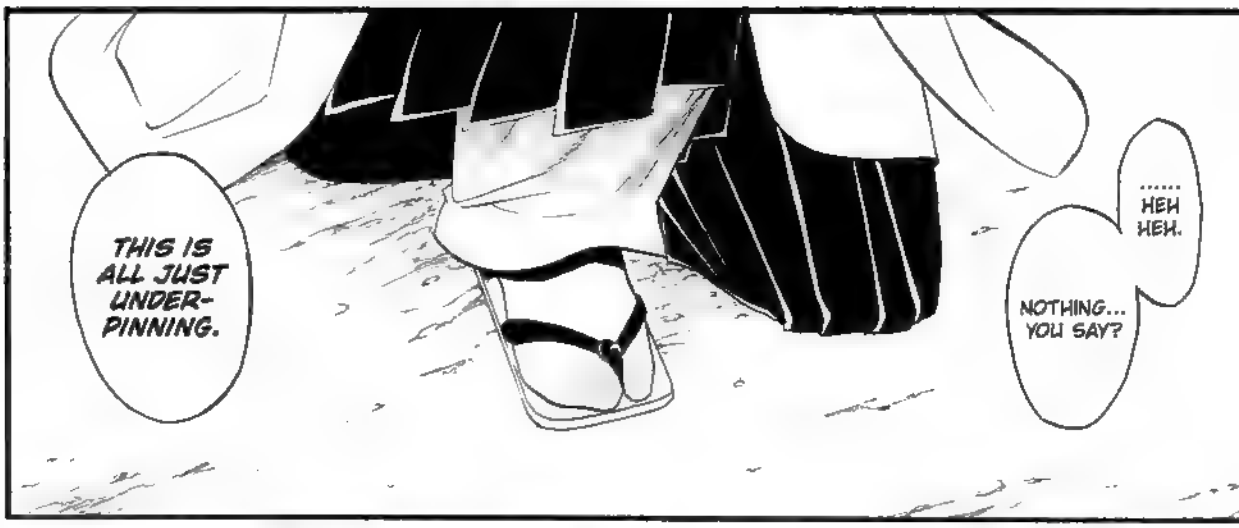
..... PERVERT.
THAT'D BE MORE LIKE A REWARD.
AT LEAST WEAR THE BUNNY SUIT FROM ZENBUNOSE WHILE PUNISHING ME.

HOLD ON !!
WHY'RE YOU SYMPA-THIZING WITH THE ENEMY !?
YOU'RE AWFUL, YOU KNOW?
GET READY TO CRY ONCE WE GET BACK.

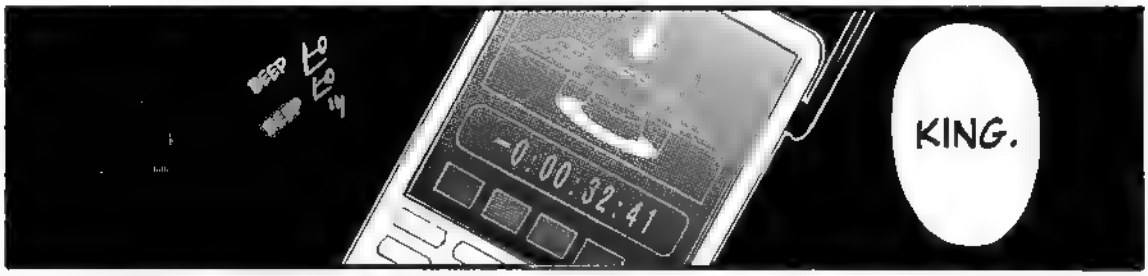
WAHH !!
BOW.
!!
FWIP
WHOOSH
VERY WELL, MONK.
I NOW COMPRE-HEND THE DETERMINA-TION WITH WHICH YOU STAND BEFORE ME.
NOW ...
WHAT COMES NEXT?
NEXT... YOU SAY?
WHAT ELSE .....
SFX: TWINGE TWINGE
CLICK
...BUT THIS?

YOUR HIGH-NESS !!
THE SEAL, IT'S.....
.....!
THESE GUYS ...
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
IT'S CRUMBLING .....!?
TCH !!
THEY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE CHAOS UP HERE..... TO PLANT BOMBS DIRECTLY BELOW US.....!!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
BOOM

FWOOM
CRUNCH
ABATE.
...HOW DULL, MONK.
THIS HAS NOT CHANGED ANYTHING .....
IT..... STOPPED ?
.....
.....!
THE SEAL'S DESTRUC-TION.....


THIS IS ALL JUST UNDER-PINNING.
NOTHING... YOU SAY?
..... HEH HEH.

?
WE'VE BEEN GIVEN ONE SHOT AT THIS.....
CRUNCH ビキ...
ビキ CRUNCH
IT MAY ONLY BE THE MOUNTAINS, BUT I SEE YOU'D EVEN USE JAPAN ITSELF AS A WEAPON.
CRUNCH


BEEP
-0:00:32:41
KING.

IT'S NOT JUST ME WHO'S SERIOUS ABOUT IT.
BUT...
I WAS SERIOUS..... WHEN I SAID I'M USING WHATEVER I CAN GET MY HANDS ON.
FOOM

THE RESOLVE OF SIX MILLION.
ALL THE KOUGON SECT ADHERENTS ...
FOOM
SO..... THIS IS TO KEEP YOU FROM CAUSING ANY MORE TROUBLE.
THIS..... STRIKE FROM THE HEAVENS.
WOOSH

FOOM

MGM-140 ATACMS. .....AN AMERICAN-MADE SHORT-RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILE.
THIS SINGLE STRIKE FROM THE HEAVENS IS THE LINCHPIN OF OPERATION SEALED DEITY...
THE KOUGON SECT PREPARED IT SO UMEHARA WOULD GET HIS CHANCE TO DESTROY THE KING'S REGRETS WITH HIS HOLY FUDOU MYOU-OU BLADE.
SO THE KING'S BODY WILL BE VANQUISHED... SO THAT A MERE HUMAN'S HAND MIGHT REACH A GOD...
THIS IS THE PLAN'S ACE IN THE HOLE !!
UMEHARA SHOWED HIMSELF IN ORDER TO MAKE IT WORK.
DESTROYING THE SEAL FORCED THE KING TO USE HIS POWER .....
...AND DREW HIS ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE SKY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE!!

.....!!!

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

GUHH ...!!

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

COUGH...

CRUMBLE

...COUGH.

THUD

BOOM

BOOM

.....!!!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
GUHH ...!!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
CRUMBLE
COUGH ...
COUGH ...
THUD

GRUMBLE
IT STARTS NOW.
THE MAIN EVENT.
GRUMBLE
.....
NOT DONE YET.
COUGH ...
WOW... CAN'T BELIEVE WE WENT THIS FAR .....
FWOOM
WE'RE FACING THE SHIKABANE KING.....A SPIRITUAL DEITY.
NO MATTER HOW MANY PIECES WE BLOW HIS BODY INTO...
.....!
IF ONE MISSILE COULD TAKE CARE OF THIS ENEMY, WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO SACRIFICE TEN PROTECTORS.
...HE WON'T GO DOWN FOR GOOD.....!!
...UNTIL I DESTROY HIS REGRETS WITH MY MYOU-OU BLADE...
SWIPE
THAT SAID... IF HE WALKS AWAY FROM THIS UNDAMAGED..... I'LL BE AT A LOSS...

THE WEAPONS OF THE HUMAN WORLD..... THIS "MISSILE" ...
I NEVER THOUGHT THEM CAPABLE OF SUCH MIGHT. I PRAISE YOU FOR IT.
FASCI-NATING.
STEP
FSSHH
YET..... I'D ADVISE AGAINST TRYING TO GAIN THE HIGH GROUND.
REPEL.
!!
FWOOSH

FWOOM
GUH ...!!
!?
CRACKLE
STEP
TMP
STEP
TMP
STEP
STEP
ALL RIGHT .....
CAHK
ALL THAT BLASTING'S WEAKENED THE SEAL PLATFORM .....
NOW THE KING'S MOVEMENTS ARE EVEN MORE RESTRICTED .....!!
HERE WE GO .....!!
STEP
.....
SIZZLE

POINT
I'M SURE HE TOOK SOME DAMAGE..... WE CAN DO THIS!!
IT'S OVER ...
... SHIKA-BANE KING.

MOW THEM DOWN.
LI HONG.
AEGIS.
GREGORIO.

STAND
FOOM

HAH.
CAN'T SAY I MIND.
THIS'LL BE WAY MORE FUN THAN SITTING AROUND SOME HOLE IN THE GROUND.
CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I TOOK THIS KIND OF DAMAGE.
..... THEY DID A NUMBER ON US.
!
STEP
...WHY NOT PLAY WITH US?
STEP
IN THAT CASE ...
STEP
UFUFU ...
!!
CLANG

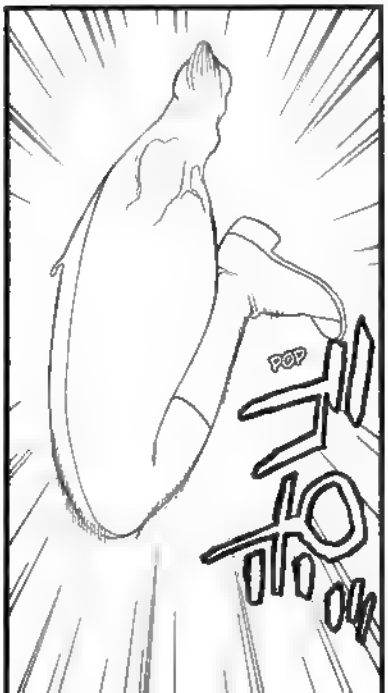
RIO .....!
A FINAL AMBUSH ...
THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL THIS.
TELL ME.
IF WE CAN DEFEAT YOU LADIES, DOES THAT MEAN ALL THIS MADNESS WILL COME TO AN END .....?
MAYBE.
CARE TO TEST THAT THEORY ?
STAND
!
STAND

STEP
NOPE.
NOT THINKING ANYTHING OF THE SORT.

... HMPH.

LOOKING DOWN ON US? THINKING YOU'LL WIN THAT EASILY?
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
..... MY, MY...

BECAUSE WE'RE NOT HERE TO WIN.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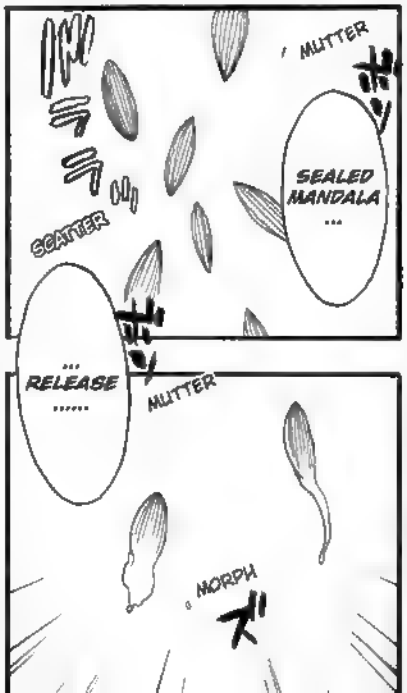

MUTTER
SEALED MANDALA ...
SCATTER
... RELEASE .....
MUTTER
MORPH

.....
SCATTER

!!?
STAND

HUH !?
WHAT'S THIS...?
THE CORPSE PRIN-CESSES ...
... MULTI-PLIED?
MY SEALED MANDALA .....IS "FAINT ILLUSION SEEDS."
MUTTER
THE OPPONENT IS DECEIVED BY THE DECOYS THAT SPROUT FROM THE SEEDS.

WHAT DO YOU THINK, FOUNDERS? OUR TECHNIQUES ARE NOTHING TO SNEEZE AT.
OUR OBJECTIVE HERE IS JUST TO KEEP YOU PINNED DOWN.
SO WHY NOT STICK AROUND AWHILE?
!!
STAND

FWOOSH
TCH ...!!
SPIN
FLIK
REPEL.
BAM
!!
FLY.
BOOM
!!

KWAHH!!
THUD
SKID
SKID
SKID
THE POWER GAP IS OBVIOUS.....
..... TCH !!
BUT THIS SCUM ENDURES SURPRISINGLY WELL..... THEY MUST'VE SEEN THEIR FAIR SHARE OF BATTLES.
EVEN WITH SO LITTLE GROUND TO STAND ON.....
TOSSING SAWAMIYA-SAN AROUND LIKE SHE'S A CHILD...
.....! WHAT... POWER.
THEY MUST SEE THEY HAVE NO CLEAR WAY TO WIN THIS .....
BUT IT'S TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE .....
!

WHERE'D HE GO!?
HE'S GONE.....!?
THE MONK WITH THE BROADSWORD
.....
OHH... YOUR SPIRIT STILL RESISTS.
HOW-EVER... IT SEEMS YOUR FIGHT IS OVER.
NOT YET!!
.....!
HAA.
HAA ...
ACK.
DRIP
DRIP
SLIDE
SLICE
CRACK
CRACK

SLAM
SLAM
SLAM
SLAM
SLAM
TAP
HOOO
.....
...
RAHH
!!!

BREAK.
I SEE NOTHING BUT A HOPELESS STRUGGLE.

!

LOOM

CRACK
WHAM

GLOMP
BOUNCE
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
FU FU... ♡
...THE MEANING OF THIS?
... WHAT IS...
BEGONE.
WORTH-LESS.

.....!!
GAH !!
RIP
RIP
BOOM
LEAP
!!
IT'S HIM!!
WELL DONE, TOUMA !!
FUDOU MYOU-OU BLADE.
KONGOU SLASH.

!!
VOOM
OPERATION SEALED DEITY...
...COMPLETE!!

DEATH 52: CURSED RAIN
BOOM
!?
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
SOME-THING BIG!!
WHAT'S THIS SHAKING .....!?
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
TCH ...!!
WE OUT OF TIME ...!?
!!
FWOOM

TMP
!!
CRASH
TMP
TMP
RISE
RISE
RISE
RISE

FU-FU..... TRULY, AID FROM THE HEAVENS.
COULD IT BE ...?
IS THIS PROOF THAT I'M STILL PROTECTED BY THE DIVINE GRACE OF THE GODS, SADAHIRO-SAN?
DON'T FALTER !!
WE CAN'T LET HIM GET AWAY, AKIRA!!
DASH
I GOT IT!
IT'S USE-LESS.
OM
BURST
GRAB
!?

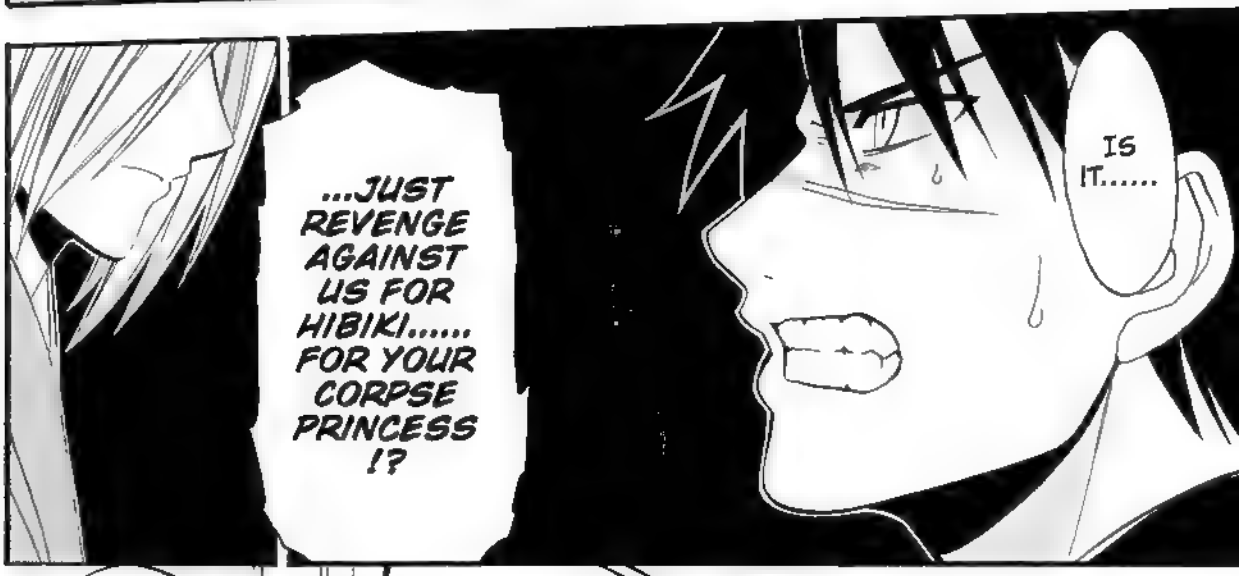
POW
.....!!
YOU...!!
TCH
...!!
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
LIFT
!!
UHYAHH!
BAM
CRACK
CRACK
SLAM

EVEN AGAINST CORPSE PRIN-CESSES ...
SLINK
SLINK
...IT IS MORE THAN CAPABLE OF BUYING TIME.
FU-FU... NOW THEN .....
THIS IS MY SEALED MANDALA, BIZARRE LOTUS.
MY TIME WITH THE UNCLEAN BUNCH HAS FED IT DOZENS OF SHIKABANE TO GROW ON.
SO MUCH SO THAT IT IS NOW, QUITE LITERALLY, A SHIKABANE SWARM.

.....!!
GRIND
BONDED BY BLOOD OR NOT..... YOU STILL CALLED HIM BROTHER .....?
EVEN THOUGH SOMEONE DEAR TO YOU WAS KILLED BEFORE YOUR EYES... STILL.....
.....
BOY..... SO YOU'VE JOINED OUR WORLD TOO, NOW.....

WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO DO HERE .....!?
SPLIT
TELL ME!!
SLICE
..... SHIT !!
WAIT, AKASHA !!

...HOPING TO ACHIEVE, GOING FORWARD!?
WHAT'RE YOU.....
AIDING THE UNCLEAN BUNCH... STEALING THE DEATH MAIDEN SUTRA REPRODUCTION .....


...JUST REVENGE AGAINST US FOR HIBIKI..... FOR YOUR CORPSE PRINCESS !?
IS IT.....

WRONG.
.....

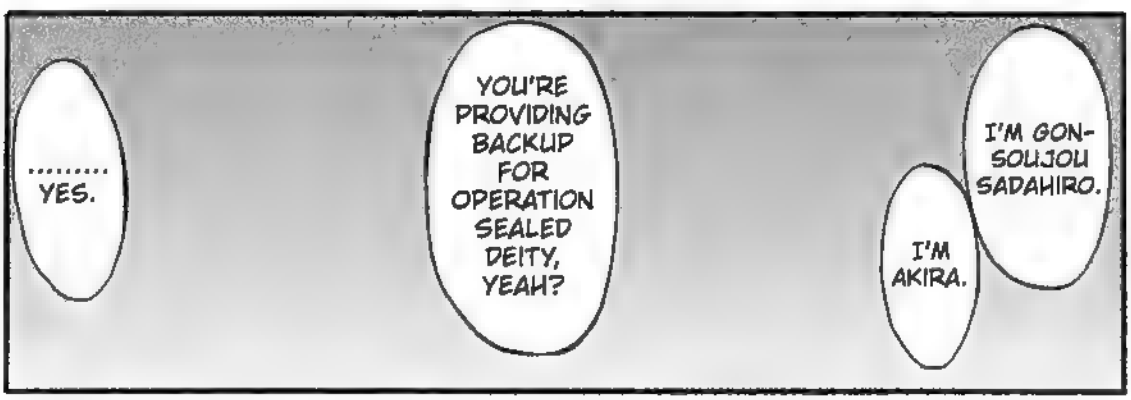
WHOOSH
...IS REALLY ALL THAT JUST.
I...
...WANT TO TEST WHETHER OR NOT THE JUSTICE OF THIS WORLD...
IF POSSIBLE... I PRAY THAT WE DON'T MEET AGAIN.
GOODBYE, SADAHIRO-SAN.
SLAM
SLAM
.....!!
...IS SOMETHING I CAN NEVER QUITE GET USED TO.....
BECAUSE KILLING THOSE CLOSE TO ME.....

OH!!
STEP
STEP
STEP
OHHH!!
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
TAP
STEP
DON'T GET...
CHAK
Gyahh!!
BOOM
Gyahhhh!!
BOOM

BOOM
...IN MY WAY!!
F.SSHH
THUD
SHOULD WE PURSUE, SADAHIRO!?
..... NAH.
BEYOND JUST HAVING THAT BIZARRE LOTUS...HE'S ACTUALLY FASTER THAN US.....HE GOT AWAY.
SHIT ...!!
CAN'T BELIEVE THAT BRAT'S SEALED MANDALA'S GROWN THAT MUCH.
SOUNDS LIKE AN EXCUSE.
SHUT UP!!

!
BESIDES, WHAT MATTERS NOW.....
..... HMPH.
USE-LESS.

MAKINA HOSHIMURA AND...OURI KAGAMI, RIGHT?
.....


..... YES.
YOU'RE PROVIDING BACKUP FOR OPERATION SEALED DEITY, YEAH?
I'M AKIRA.
I'M GON-SOUJOU SADAHIRO.

WE ARRIVED, AND..... ONE OF THE SEVEN STARS TOSSED US INSIDE. ONE THING LED TO ANOTHER AND.....
UMMM... YOU SEE...

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE GUARDING THE INVES-TIGATORS.
SO WHY..... HAVE YOU COME THIS FAR INTO THE COMPLEX ?

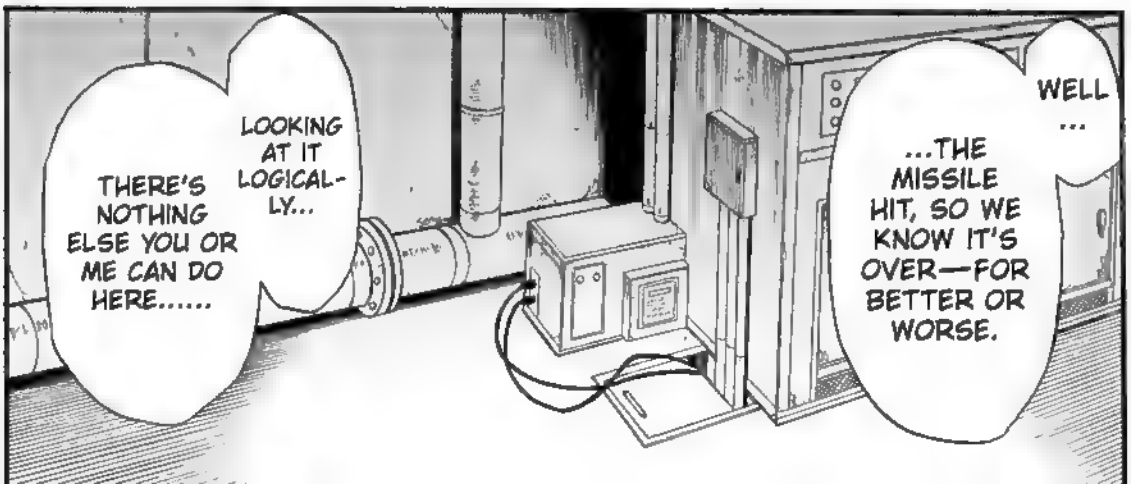
OPERATION SEALED DEITY IS OVER. .....WE'RE PULLING OUT.
STEP
THEN... YOU'RE UNDER MY COMMAND FROM NOW ON.
SURE..... FINE.....
...
THE MISSION'S OVER. WE'RE GOING BACK TO HQ.
..... DID I STUTTER ?
STAND
EH!?
THAT MEANS OUR TIME'S UP..... IT WAS THE MISSILE'S EXPLOSION.
!?
.....THAT MASSIVE BLAST EARLIER .....
W- WAIT A SECOND!! HOW DO YOU KNOW .....!?
IT WAS A SMALL, BALLISTIC MISSILE... AND I HEAR MOST OF THE PAYLOAD WAS REMOVED.
PLUS ...
YEAH..... I WONDER.
SCRATCH
DROPPING A MISSILE HERE WOULD KILL US ALL!!
HOLD ON.....!! WHAT'S THAT MEAN!?
MI— ..... MISSILE !?

EVEN IF IT DID VAPORIZE EVERYONE HERE, THAT'D BE JUST FINE.
BLOW
WHATEVER IT TAKES, AS LONG AS THE KING IS BEATEN.
!?

BESIDES ...
THIS MISSION WAS PUT TOGETHER ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE KING COULD PROBABLY JUST BLOCK A MISSILE ANYWAY.
THE PLAN WAS TO DAMAGE HIM WITH THE MISSILE AND THEN DESTROY HIS REGRETS WITH SOUJOU UMEHARA'S FUDOU MYOU-OU BLADE .....
IF EVERYTHING WENT AS PLANNED, IT WAS OUR BEST SHOT AT ENDING IT ALL WITHOUT ANYONE HAVING TO DIE.
.....!

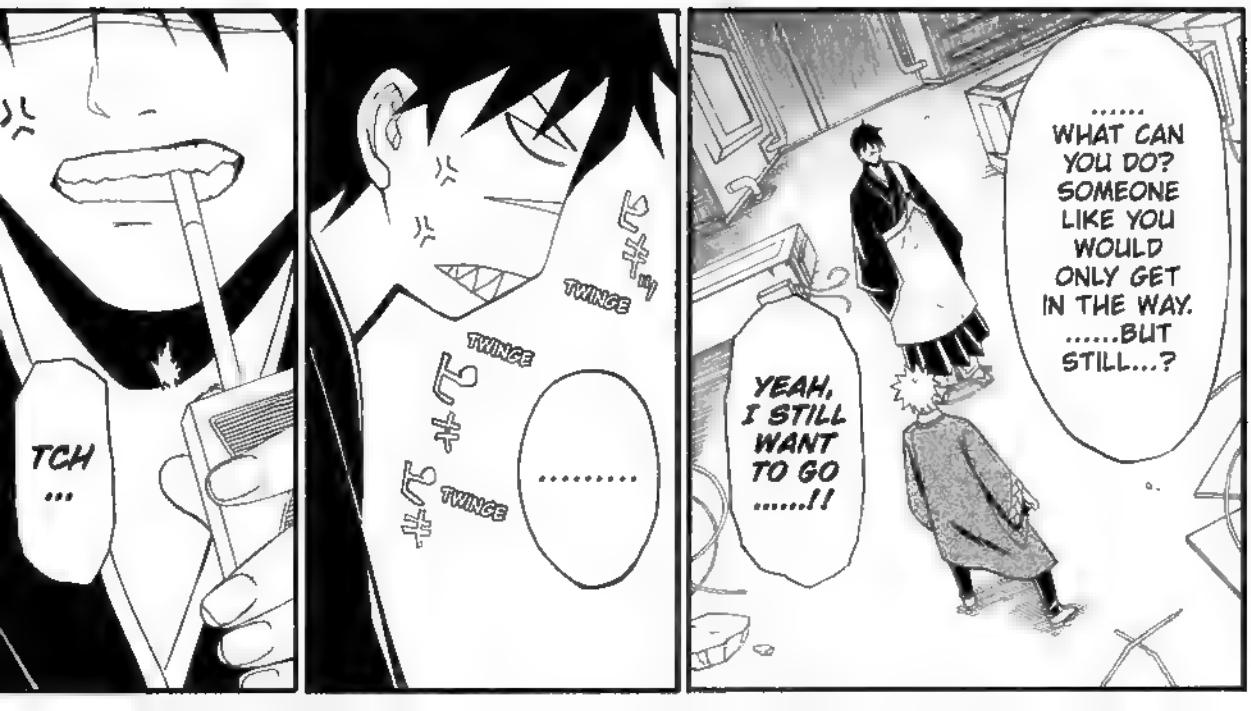
.....!

SERI-OUSLY .....?


WELL ...
...THE MISSILE HIT, SO WE KNOW IT'S OVER—FOR BETTER OR WORSE.
LOOKING AT IT LOGICAL-LY...
THERE'S NOTHING ELSE YOU OR ME CAN DO HERE.....

.....
TWINGE
HUH?
...THE BATTLE'S... NOT OVER YET?
WHAT IF..... WHAT IF...
.....
BUT...

TAKAMASA MIGHT..... MY FRIEND MIGHT BE OUT THERE..... FIGHTING, AND IN TROUBLE.
SO I...
I CAN'T JUST ABANDON HIM LIKE THIS .....!!


TCH ...
TWINGE
TWINGE
TWINGE
.....
.....
WHAT CAN YOU DO? SOMEONE LIKE YOU WOULD ONLY GET IN THE WAY. .....BUT STILL...?
YEAH, I STILL WANT TO GO .....!!

BONK
!?
.....
EH!?
TWITCH

SIT
YOU AND THAT BROTHER OF YOURS! EVEN IF THERE'S NO BLOOD BETWEEN YOU.
..... DAMMIT !!
YOU TWO... SERIOUSLY AREN'T LOGICAL AT ALL!!

EH ...?
BROTH-ER..... YOU MEAN ...?
DID YOU..... KNOW MY BIG BRO?

I'M GETTING JUST AS PISSED AS WHEN I USED TO TALK TO THAT IDIOT!!
SHUT UP!
TUT, TUT. . YOU'RE SHOWING YOUR TRUE COLORS, SADAHIRO
FLIK

YEAH
.....
THE ONES WHO FOUND YOU AND BROUGHT YOU TO THE HEAD TEMPLE ...
...WERE ME, THAT IDIOT..... AND THAT GUY, AKASHA. THE THREE OF US.
!?

MORE THAN JUST THAT..... IT'S THAT THE IDIOT ACTUALLY CARED ABOUT YOU.
SO I'D LOSE SLEEP IF I LET YOU JUST RUN OFF AND DIE NOW.
.....
... THAT'S ALL.
PSSHH

I'M TAKING YOU BACK.
BY FORCE, IF I HAVE TO.
GEEZ.
.....!!

!
.....
HOSHI-
MURA-
SAN...
STEP
.....
.....
.....
.....
WHAT'RE
YOU
THINKING,
MAKINA
HOSHIMURA
?
I'M
GIVING
YOU AN
ORDER.
!
FLUSH
MY CON-
TRACTING
MONK IS
OURI!
!?
SERIOUS-
LY!? YOU
HAD TO
BLUSH AT
THAT!?
NO...IT'S
JUST, THAT
MADE ME
SO HAPPY
TO HEAR...
SAY
IT
AGAIN.
♡
NO
!!

LIKE I JUST SAID..... YOU TWO'D ONLY GET IN THE WAY, AND THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE IT'S ALREADY OVER.
SO WHY GO DO SOMETHING SO ILLOGICAL .....?
SCRATCH
.....
HMPH.
IF OURI DIES, YOU DIE TOO, MAKINA HOSHI-MURA.
I DON'T GET YOU.
.....
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS ?
BECAUSE I KNOW KEISEI...
...WOULD DO THE SAME.
.....

FWOOM
JUST HOPE... YOU MAKE IT IN TIME.
VIBRATE
SWAY

I CUT HIM...!!
THE SHIKABANE KING IS DONE FOR...!!!
I FELT IT CUT...!!
WITH THE KING'S REGRETS VANQUISHED BY MY MYOU-OU BLADE, HE'LL BE DESTROYED ALTOGETHER
.....
THIS IS MY
.....
FWIP
!?
LEER
...WIN
.....

SWING
.....!?
HIS ARM !!?
...A SHIELD ..... AS.....
BADUM
THAT MEANS .....!?
...AS A SHIELD .....
HE TORE HIS OWN ARM OFF AND USED IT.....
!!
CRACK
THIS IS BAD ...!!
MY-MYOU-OU BLADE .....!!
DROP

CRUSH.
TWINGE
TWINGE
TWINGE
SPLORT
SKID
SKID
SKID
WHAK
TWINGE
TWINGE
GWAHH !!!
...!!

KANE-CHIKA !!
!!
TCH ...
UHH .....
GASP
GAH .....
CRUMBLE
GUH .....
FWIP
SPROUT
SO CLOSE.
BUT I KNEW OF THAT BLADE.
YES, IT CAN CUT REGRETS, BUT IT IS MEANINGLESS IF USED ON A DETACHED BODY PART.

STAND
NO WAY...
HOW COULD THIS .....
IMPOS- SIBLE .....!
WHA— .....
OHH ...
I FORGIVE YOU.
AND GRANT YOU A REWARD.
CRACK
コキン
FU-FU... THIS WAS AN AMUSING DISTRACTION, MONK.
FALL.
ALLOW ME.....TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING AMUSING.

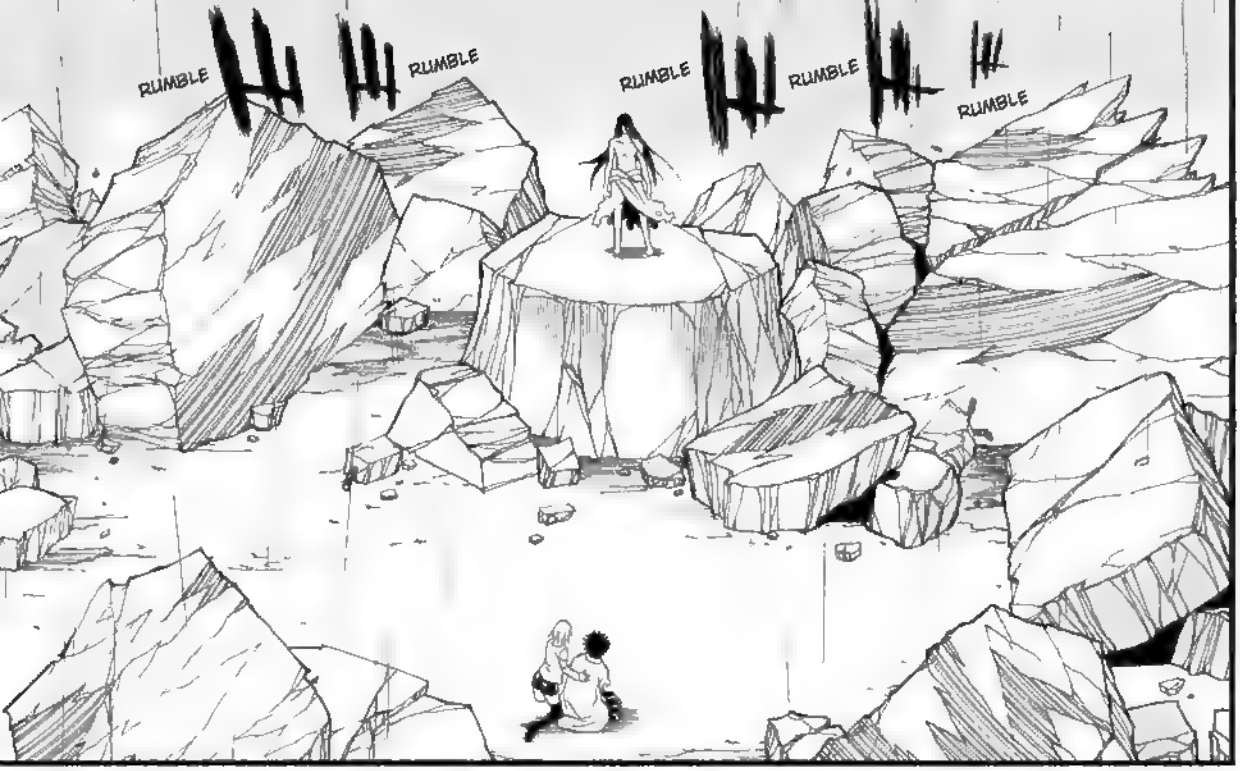
!
FSSHH
WATCH.
NO ORDINARY RAIN.....
.....!?
R-RAIN ...?

?
WHAT IS IT, KAMIKA-SAMA?
THE SKY TONIGHT... THERE'S SOMETHING FOREBOD-ING ABOUT IT...
EH? BUT THE WEATHER REPORT ONLY MENTIONED A SMALL CHANCE OF RAIN.....
FWOOSH
POUR
SPLASH
BLUB
...RAIN WOULD MEAN TROUBLE FOR THOSE WORKING TO PURIFY THE SPRING WATER FOULED BY MILAM.
.....
BUT...

EH!?
!?
BURST
BLUB
BLUB
...THE POLLUTED WATER STARTED VAPORIZING .....!?
PSSSSHHH
WHAT THE ...!?
ALL OF A SUDDEN .....
WHAT .....!?
!?
STAND
PSSHH

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
WHAT ON EARTH .....?
WHAT AN OMINOUS SPECTACLE.
AND GATHERING IN THE SKY. LOOK AT THOSE BLACK CLOUDS .....!!
UWAHH ...
IT'S SHOOTING UP EVERYWHERE ...!!
DRIP
...HAPPENING HERE...!?
WHAT'S .....
WHOOSH

RAIN !?
BLACK..... RAIN.....!?
!!
UWAH
FSSHH
I KNOW NOT WHAT THIS IS, BUT I KNOW IT'S IMPURE!!
FSSSHHH
DON'T LET IT TOUCH YOU!
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!
UWAHH! SO GROSS !!
HEAD INSIDE !!
DID OPERATION SEALED DEITY SUCCEED !?
DID THEY...
DAMN...!! WHAT'S HAPPENING ...!?
FSSSHHH


RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

SHINK
SHINK
.....
NO!!
BLACK... RAIN.
RAIN ...!?
!?
SHING
SHING

THE PATHS.....
...ARE OVERLAPPING TO FORM...!!
SHINK
WAIT...!! WHAT'S THAT...?
THE PATHS OF THE RAINDROPS ARE.....
SHINK
SHINK

!!?

...IS YAMA CITY...!?

EH...? NO WAY...
... DON'T TELL ME...
THAT... WHAT WE'RE SEEING ...
WHAT... IS THAT ...!?

THIS RAIN..... IS CURSED RAIN THAT THE FOUNDER, MILAM PARTHO, SACRIFICED HERSELF TO CREATE.
IT CONVERTS YOUR CITY INTO A "TABOO REALM" WHERE SHIKABANE CAN FIND REPOSE. WHERE NIGHTMARES BECOME REALITY.
YES... THAT IS WHAT YOU NOW FACE.

WHAT ...?
IT OUGHT TO BE CLEAR.
JUST WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ..... KING.....!?
WHAT'RE YOU.....
TODAY .....
...I WILL ALTER THE JUSTICE OF THIS WORLD.
LIFT
...HERE IN THE "LAND OF THE DEAD."
"DEATH" WILL OVERCOME "LIFE"...

THE KING...
!!
SLAM
...LEFT THE SEAL.....!?
IS THAT... THANKS TO THE CURSED RAIN ...!?
MY INVASION BEGINS NOW...!!
WITH THIS..... THE YOKE BINDING ME TO THE JUSTICE OF YOUR WORLD HAS VANISHED...
INTO YAMA CITY...!?
!!
DID HE SAY.....
...INVASION ...!?

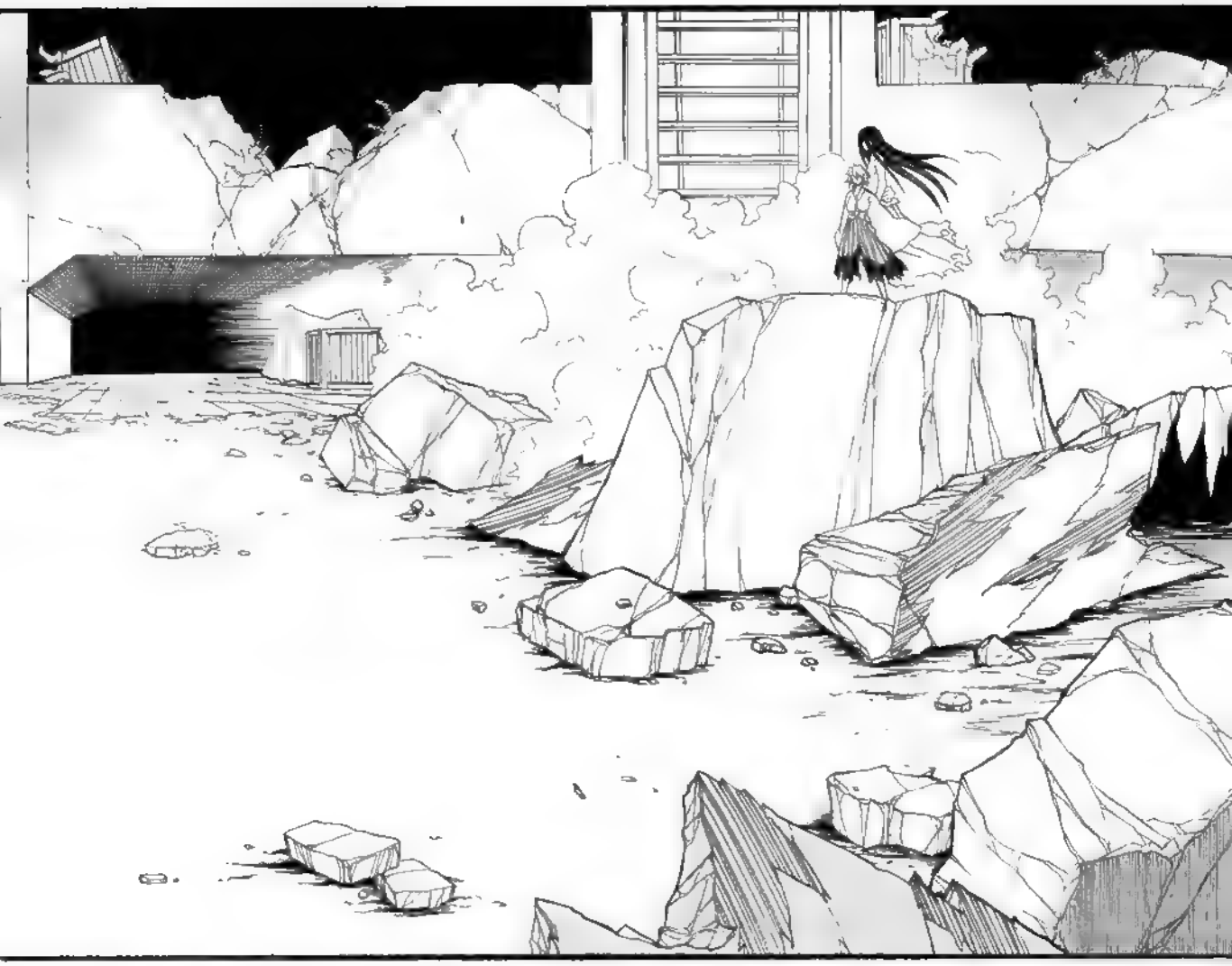
KACHAK
!!
I DON'T THINK SO!!
YOU'RE ALL GONNA DIE HERE ...!!
!
HOKUTO OF THE SEVEN STARS.
COME.
...!!
GUH ...
GULG
DAMN... IT. HOW COULD ...?
FWOOM
WHOOSH
BLAM
!?

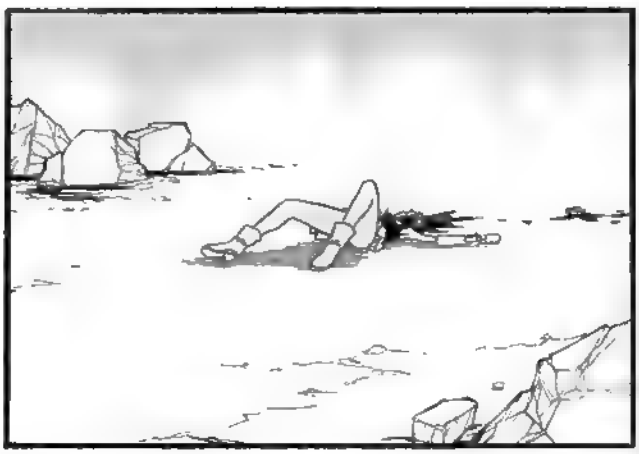
POW
POP
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
.....!!
ANZU !!!
SPURT
TMP
RATATAT
RAAN
THUD

FOOM
I HEREBY PERMIT YOU TO ACT.
HOKUTO OF THE SEVEN STARS.
MASSACRE THEM.
OOH ...

CORPSE PRINCESS 12

SWIRL
SWIRL
FOOM
DEATH 53: DESTINY





...!!
GRIND

ONE OF THE SEVEN STARS, AT THAT...
THEY'VE GOT NEW BACKUP .....
.....

MASSACRE THEM, HOKUTO.
FIGHT..... AND SUMMON YOUR VERY DESTINY TO YOU.
.....

THAT BOND WILL FORETELL A TRANSFOR-MATION.
YES.
DEST... INY...?
.....
OF THE WORLD THAT YOU VIEW.
PUFF
!!
BOOM
FWOOM

KAJIO...! AND KISARAGI TOO.....
SOUJOU-SAMA... YOUR ARMS.....
STOMP
STOMP
SOUJOU UMEHARA !!
! NIJI-SHIMA.
STICK
YEAH .....
MIND TAKING CARE OF THIS, KAJIO?
SURE ...!
SEALED MANDALA.
HEAVEN'S ARBOR!!
CRACK
TWIST
.....
OUCH...
TWIST
CRACK

CAN YOU MOVE?
YEAH.....
BUT I'M NOT RETREAT-ING.
EH?
IT'S JUST TEMPORARY FIRST AID. THEY'LL SHRIVEL UP AFTER TWO HOURS.....
STRAIN
STRAIN
RIGHT... THIS IS ENOUGH.
IF THE PLACE BEYOND THE RAIN IS REALLY YAMA CITY.....
...OUR LIVES WILL MEAN NOTHING SHOULD THE KING MANAGE TO GET THERE SOMEHOW.....!!
BECAUSE FIRST..... WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.....
FWOOM

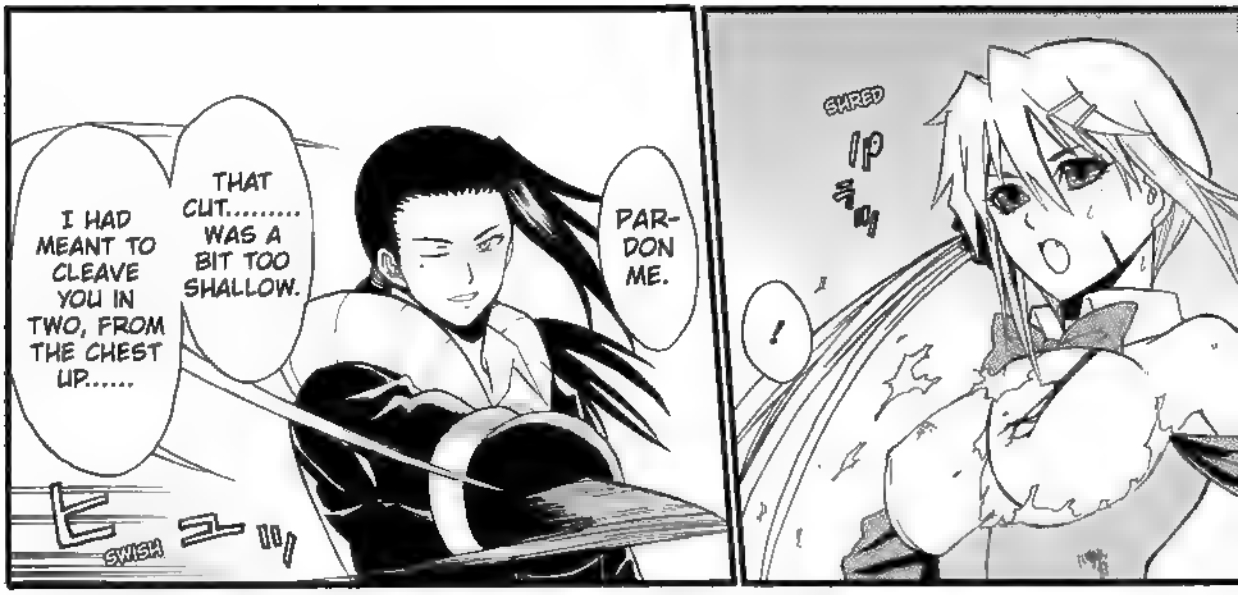
THE KING'S ALONE .....!?
!? .....!!
!
HE'S UN-HARMED ...!!
!!
TCH ...
!!
SLAM
CRUNCH
CRACK
CRACK
SNAP

TAP
SUGUKO !!
!!
WOBBLE
AH ...!!
TAP
!!
SLAM
WHAM
!!
CLASH
STEP
.....!!
GET BACK, KANECHIKA ...!!

...
CREAK
.....!!
YOU'RE..... HOKUTO OF THE SEVEN STARS...?
WHIRL
WHIRL
PRETTY INTER-ESTING.
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU'D HAVE REGRETS CAPABLE OF LEADING THE SEVEN STARS .....
!
CREAK
!?
SLAM

!
PRESS
SQUISH
HACK
GAH .....
HAA ...!!
SLAM
CRACK
AH...
WHAM
AHHH.H

I KNOW !!
!
KANAE...!! OVER THERE .....
STRAIN
STRAIN
STRAIN
HE'LL SLAUGHTER US IN AN INSTANT .....!!
IF WE GIVE THIS GUY AN INCH...
TENSE
I KNOW .....
BUT ...!!
SLASH
CRACK
!!
CLASH
CLASH
CLASH
CLASH


I HAD MEANT TO CLEAVE YOU IN TWO, FROM THE CHEST UP.....
THAT CUT..... WAS A BIT TOO SHALLOW.
PAR-DON ME.
SWISH
SHRED
!

AS LONG AS YOU GIVE ME YOUR LIFE, I'VE GOT NO PROBLEM SHOWING YOU MY BOOBS. ♡
HAA ...
SQUEEZE
HAA .....
FINE BY ME.

SKID
SKID
SKID
PLING
PLING
PLING
BANG
BANG
BANG

KACHAK
THE SKULLS FLOATING AROUND HER KEEP MY SHOTS FROM CONNECTING .....!!
TCH .....
NO EFFECT ...!!
SWIRL
SWIRL
CLACK
CLICK
CLICK
FSSHH
PUFF
FSSSHHH
WHOOSH

IT'LL BE A QUICK DEATH FOR YOU!!
!!
TCH ...!!
FSSHH
BOOORING. ALL I GET ARE THESE DECOYS?
HEY, MONKS. YOU'D BETTER STAY ON YOUR TOES..... OR ELSE...
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
ARGH .....
HAA .....!!
SLAM
CRUNCH

RIP
GRAZE
!!
SLAM
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
...HOKUTO .....!!
SO THIS IS A "FOUNDER".....!! THIS IS.....
SO STRONG.....!! EVERY BLOW IS A DEADLY ONE..... FORGET WINNING, IT'S TAKING ALL I'VE GOT JUST TO SURVIVE THIS BATTLE.....!!
STEP
STEP

!!
PLUNGE
TOUMA!!
THUD
PLUNG
KILL
...
...ALL
.....
KILL
.....
...ALL
.....

ピキキ
CRACK
WHAM
!?
RUMBLE

!!

WHA—
.....!?

CRAP!! THEY'RE TOO BIG...!!!

WHETHER AGAINST ENEMY OR ALLY, SHE DOESN'T HESITATE!!

LIFT

GRAB

Ah...
Ahh.

GRAB
Ah...
Ahh.

!!
WHA—
.....!?
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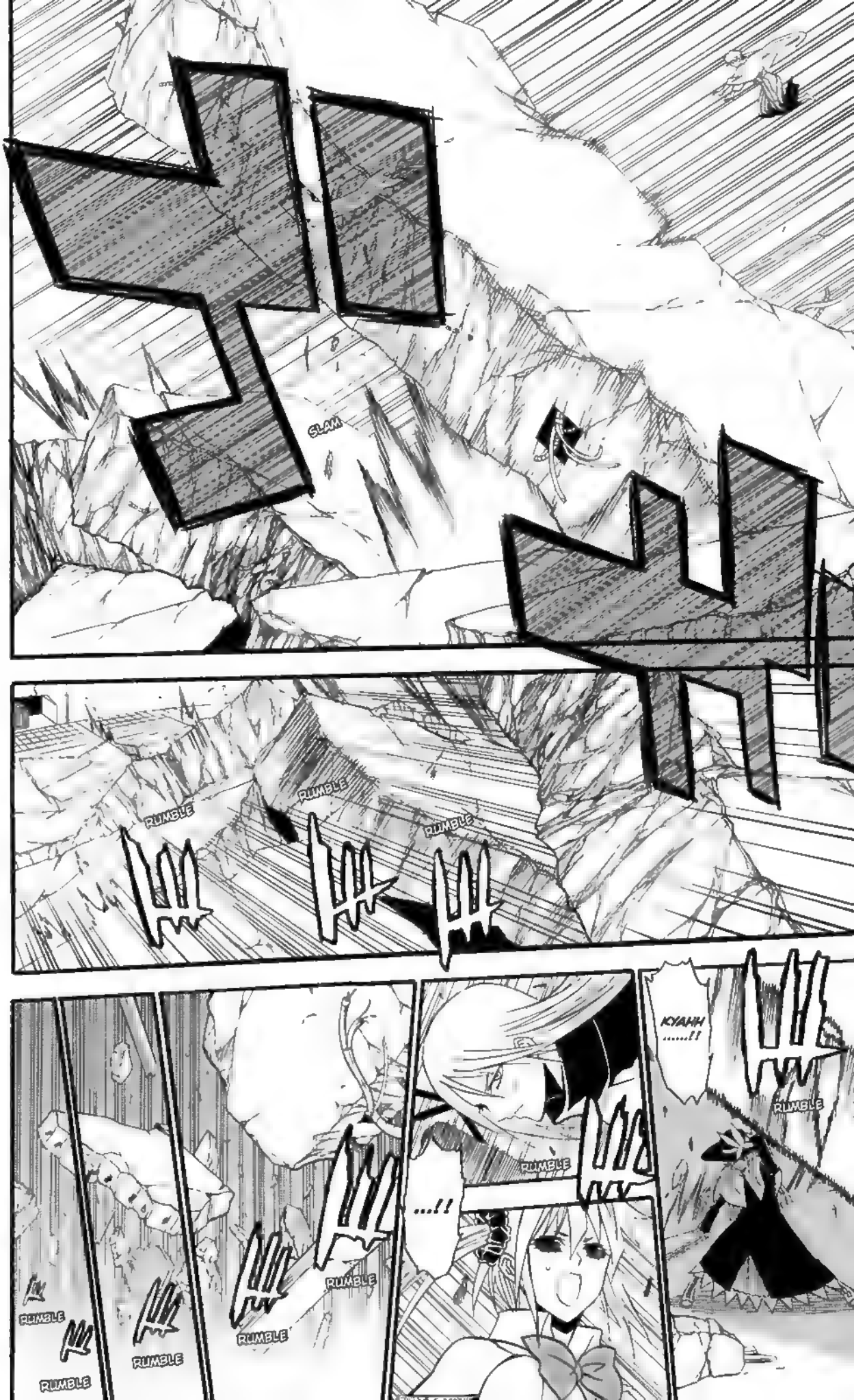
SLAM
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RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
...!!
RUMBLE
KYAHH ...!!
RUMBLE

WHOOSH
WHOOSH
FU-FU... HEH-HEH-HEH... FASCINATING, HOKUTO OF THE SEVEN STARS.....
THE POOR MONKS STRUGGLED SO VERY HARD TO STAY AFLOAT...
... YET YOU SHATTERED THE BALANCE WITH BRUTE FORCE.
DAZED
.....
NICE JOB STEALING AWAY MY TOYS WITH THAT ATTACK!!
HEY ...!!
YOU EVEN LISTEN-ING, HOKUTO ?
...NOT LISTENING.
TMP

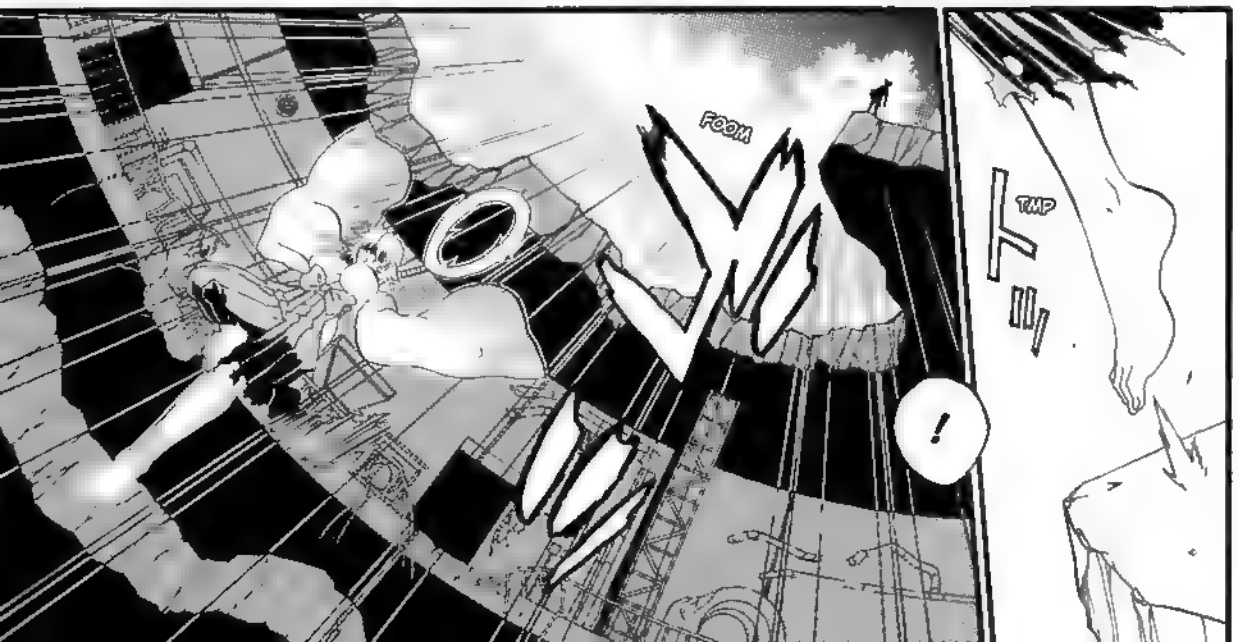
MA'EN SUGAMI-DONO.
BUT RATHER ...
I DON'T MIND EITHER.
SHINK
DOESN'T BOTHER ME.
ALL I HAD TO PLAY WITH WERE DECOYS ANYWAY.

EVEN IF YAMA CITY IS NOW A TABOO REALM, WHEN THE RAIN CEASES, WON'T YOUR HIGHNESS ONCE AGAIN BE REJECTED BY THIS WORLD?
IT IS AS IF WE ARE INSIDE HER BODY, STANDING IN THIS RAIN.
THAT YOUR HIGHNESS CAN LEAVE THE SEAL IS SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE, BUT.....IT'S THANKS TO MILAM'S FLESH AND BLOOD, WHICH PROVIDED THIS RAIN, RIGHT.....?

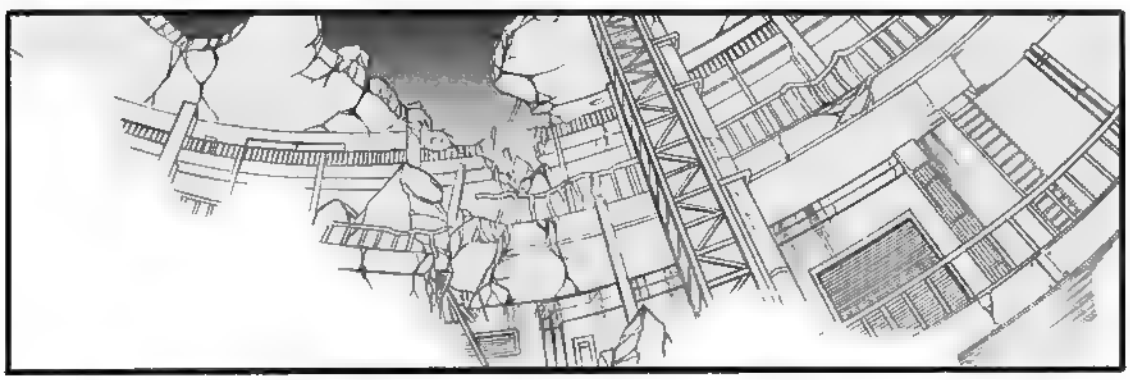
WE'VE GOTTA TAKE OVER THAT PLACE IN THE HEAD TEMPLE.
WHICH IS WHY..... WE'VE GOTTA INVADE YAMA CITY BEFORE THEN.....
THAT'S RIGHT ...
SPLAT

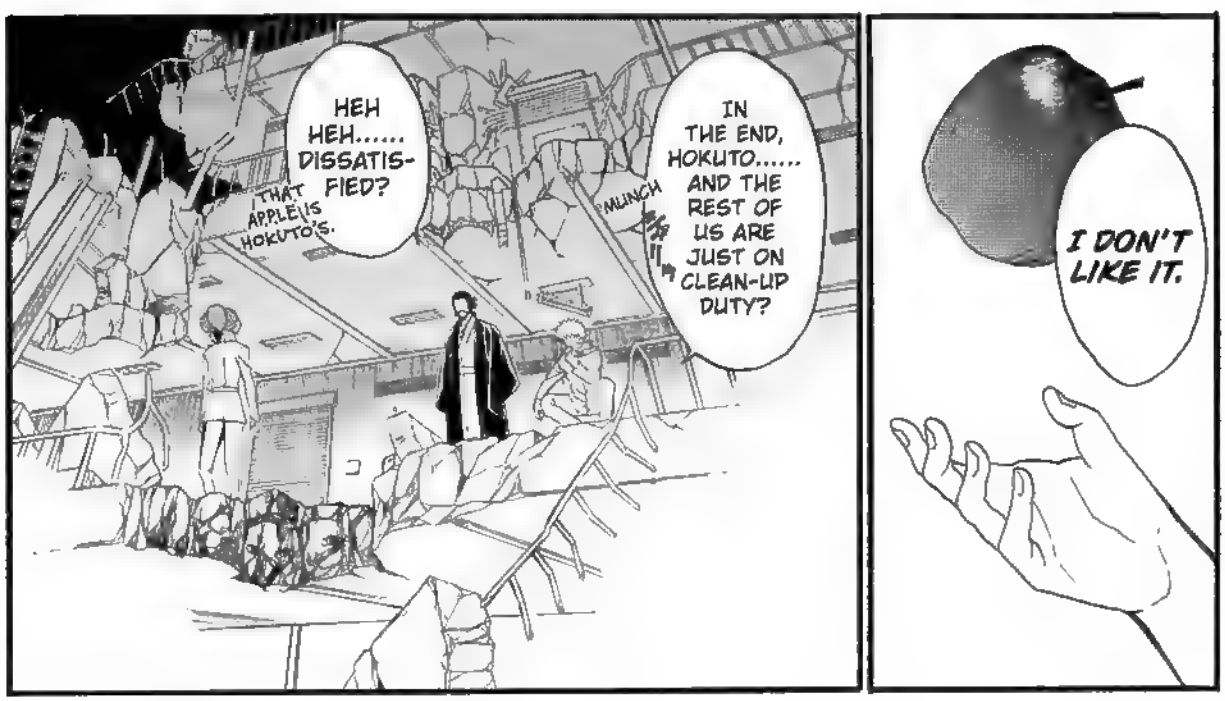
SO FIRST, LET'S ANNIHILATE ALL THE ELITES THEY SENT HERE.
YAMA CITY WILL BE SHORTHANDED AND RIPE FOR ATTACK .....
I SEE... PRETTY SOLID PLAN, I GUESS.

ANNI-HILATE THE ELITES?
DONE AND DONE. THEY'RE ALL UNDER THAT RUBBLE, NO?
I WONDER ?
NOT LIKE WE'VE SEEN THEIR CORPSES YET.
LET'S HOPE THEY DON'T HAVE ANOTHER AMBUSH PREPARED FOR US.


FOOM
TMP
!

HMPH..... SO.....
SHE'S OUR ONE-WOMAN CLEANING CREW.
I GUESS... I CAN LIVE WITH THAT.



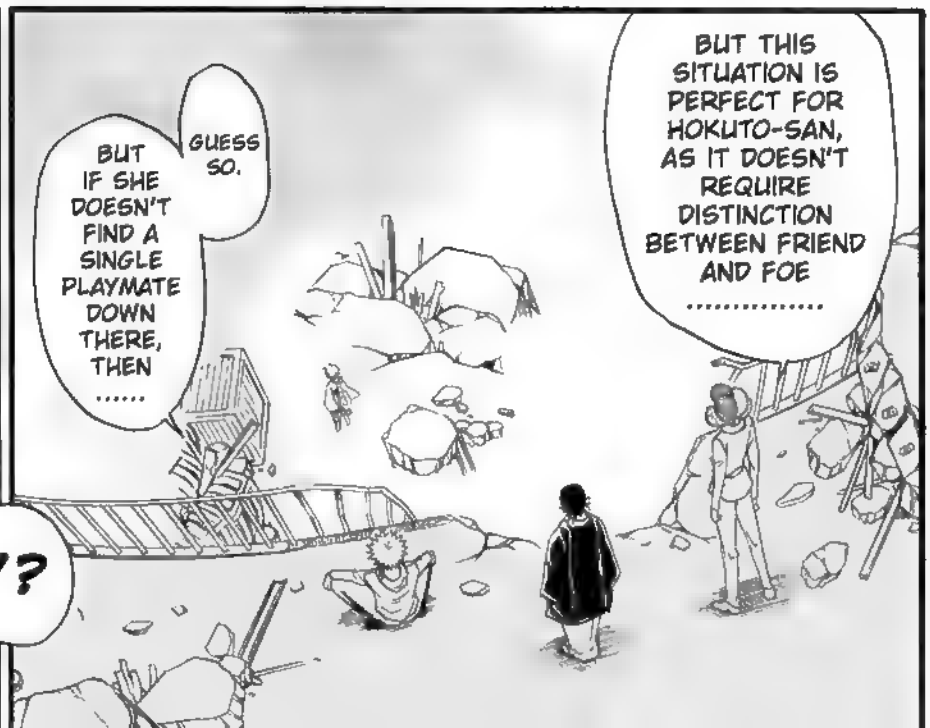

HEH HEH..... DISSATIS-FIED?
THAT APPLE IS HOKUTO'S.
MUNCH
IN THE END, HOKUTO..... AND THE REST OF US ARE JUST ON CLEAN-UP DUTY?
I DON'T LIKE IT.

ALL THAT ABOUT "HOKUTO'S DESTINY" EARLIER .....
..... ANYWAY ...
AHH.
BUT IF HOKUTO'S WILLING, WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE.
YEAH. FEELS LIKE WE'RE JUST BEING USED.

YES.....
.....
?
MUNCH ミャリ
MUNCH ミャリ

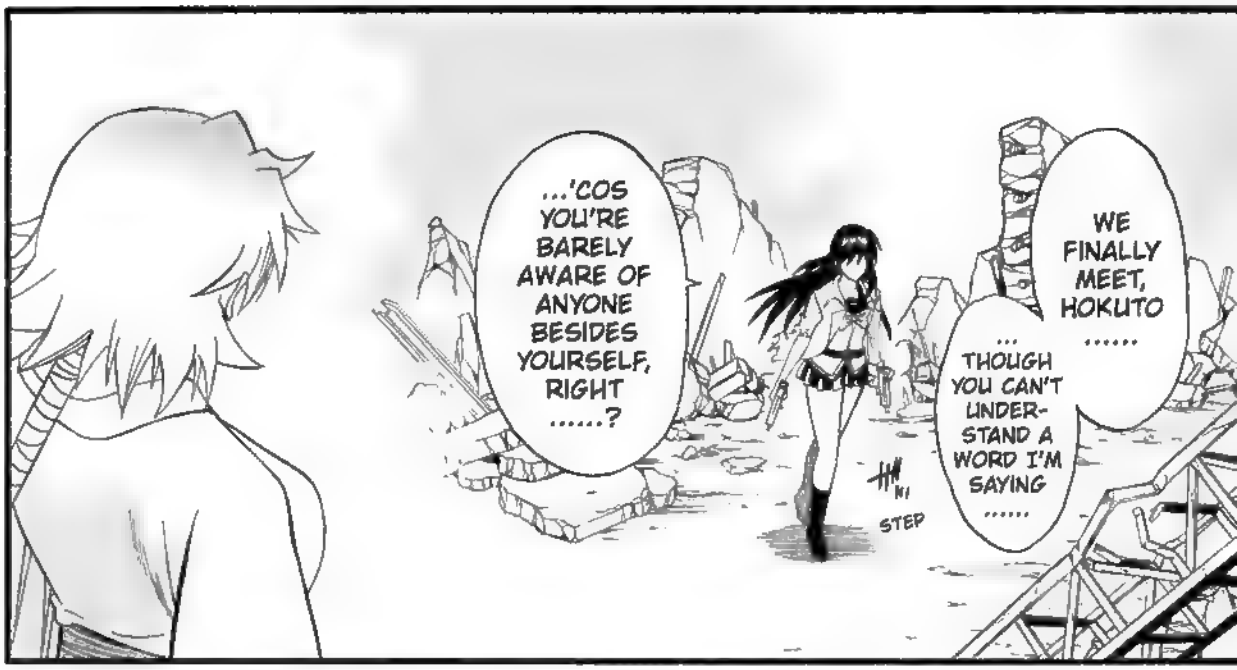
TMP
I HAVE A HARD TIME BELIEVING THERE'S SOMETHING SO HUMAN LEFT IN HOKUTO.
YOU HEARD ABOUT THIS BEFORE ?

CRUNCH
!?

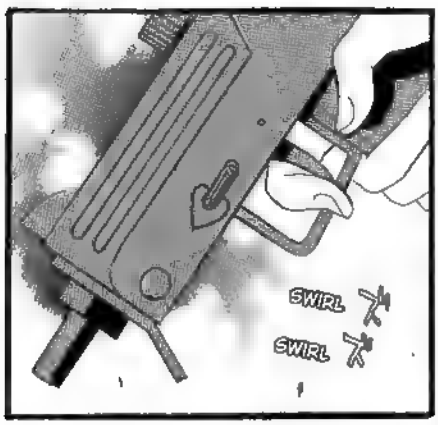

BUT THIS SITUATION IS PERFECT FOR HOKUTO-SAN, AS IT DOESN'T REQUIRE DISTINCTION BETWEEN FRIEND AND FOE .....
GUESS SO.
BUT IF SHE DOESN'T FIND A SINGLE PLAYMATE DOWN THERE, THEN .....

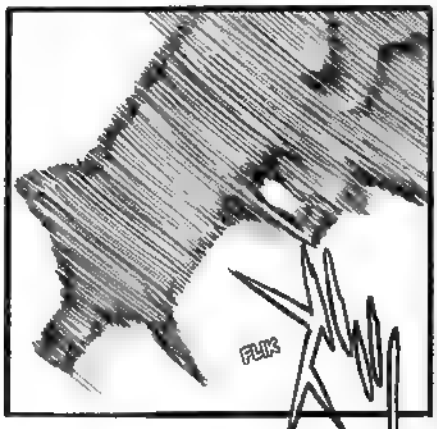
SKID
!
THAT'S
.....
.....
STAND

HOSHI-MURA-SAN.
...GOT IT.
YEAH.
TA-TAKA-MASA ...
..... ITSUKI... WILL BE FINE.
YOU'D BETTER HELP..... SENSEI AND THE OTHERS .....
YOU SAVE THE OTHERS, OURI.
I'LL FACE HER..... HOKUTO OF THE SEVEN STARS .....
SWIRL
SWIRL
STAND


...'COS YOU'RE BARELY AWARE OF ANYONE BESIDES YOURSELF, RIGHT .....?
WE FINALLY MEET, HOKUTO .....
... THOUGH YOU CAN'T UNDER-STAND A WORD I'M SAYING .....
STEP

BECAUSE I'M..... GONNA KILL YOU.
SWIRL
NOT THAT I CARE.


SWIRL
SWIRL


FLIK

DOOM
BECAUSE YOU...
...STOLE EVERYTHING FROM ME .....!!

DODGE
BOOM
WHOOSH
POW

WHAM
SHALL WE ASSIST ?
IT'S HER CURSE.
HER CONVICTION TO KILL HOKUTO IS STRENGTH-ENING IT.
WHOA.....? IS THE HOSHIMURA GIRL ACTUALLY MANAGING TO FIGHT HOKUTO ...!?
!
SLAM
JUST AS YOU MENTIONED EARLIER, TOUYA.
BY NO MEANS!
HOKUTO CAN'T DISTINGUISH FRIEND FROM FOE ONCE SHE'S BEGUN FIGHTING.
OOH ...
CREAK
PRESS
FUR-THER-MORE .....

BOOM
BOOM
PLING
PLING
PLING
PLING
THEY'RE RICOCHETING!!
PRESS
CRACK

WHAM
ZOOM
!!
TCH ..... !!
GNK
TMP
TMP
TMP

SWIPE
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
STEP
!!
WHOOSH

SWIPE
SQUELCH
SWAY
HOO, BOY. ♪
THAT'S OUR HOKUTO.
SHE'S ONE NASTY GIRL.
DRIP

.....
NOT ...
SPLURT
... YET ...!!
SLAM
NOT .....
... ENOUGH.
RIGHT NOW.....MY DETERMINATION TO KILL YOU JUST ISN'T ENOUGH YET.....
FWOOM
I NEED IT..... TO BE STRON-GER ...!!
FSSHH
STRON-GER...!! STRON-GER ...!!!

IT'S NO USE.
ONE LITTLE GIRL'S CURSE HAS NO HOPE OF BREAKING THROUGH HOKUTO..... IT SHOULDN'T .....
..... HOW-EVER ...

MAKINA HOSHIMURA..... IF...IF THERE'S A CHANCE THAT YOU CONSTITUTE A PART OF HOKUTO'S *DESTINY* THAT LIES *AHEAD* .....
THEN..... YOU OUGHT TO PROVE IT HERE AND NOW...!!

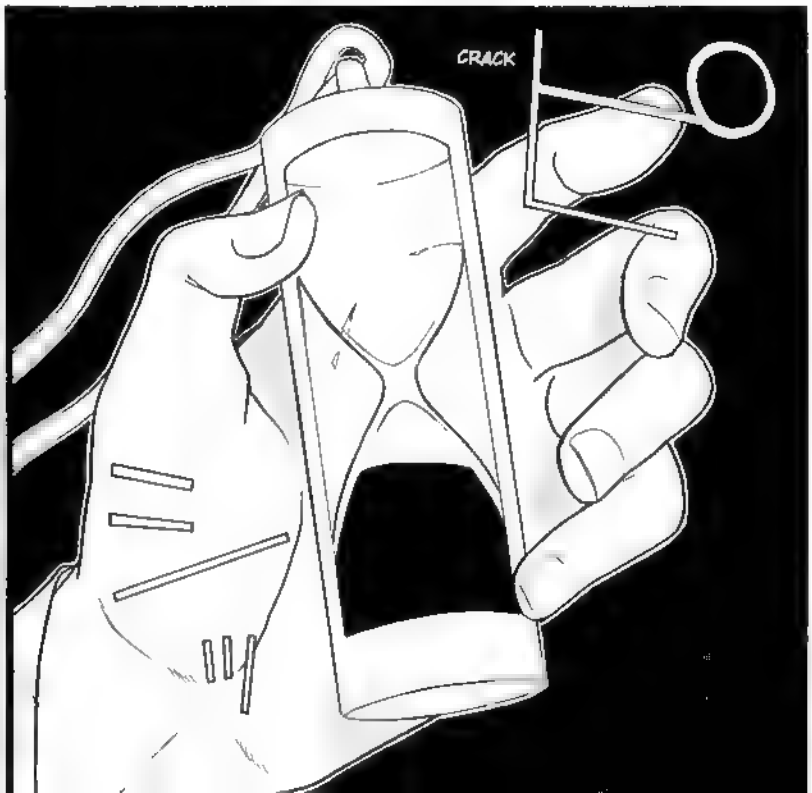
SWIRL
SWIRL
SWIRL

!!
BADUM

THIS SENSATION... DON'T TELL ME .....
AH..... IT'S NOTHING. I'M FINE.

!
GUH ...!!
OURI ?

I KNEW IT.....!! THE LAST OF THE SAND THAT WAS TAKING THE BRUNT OF THE CURSE JUST DETERIORATED .....!!
IT CAN'T PROTECT ME ANYMORE... BUT...


CRACK

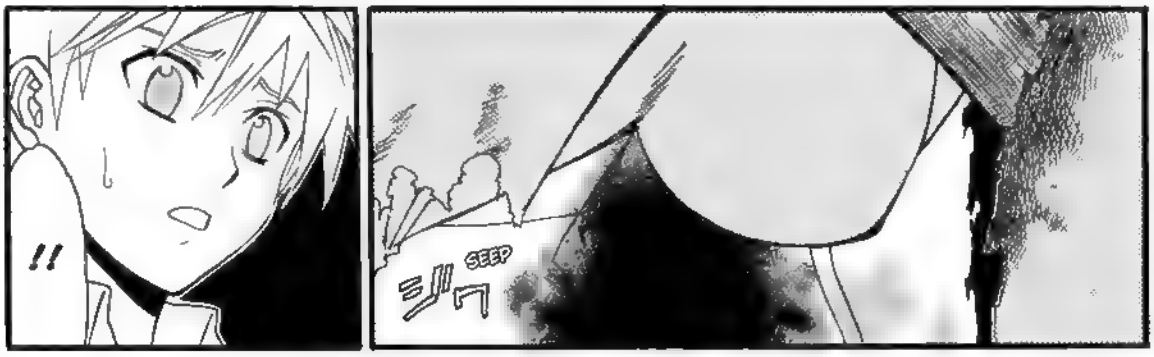
FOOM
IF SHE STOPS USING HER CURSE, HOSHIMURA-SAN CAN'T FIGHT .....!!

UNTIL HOSHIMURA-SAN CAN BEAT THE SEVEN STARS...!!
ENDURE IT...!!

!
THUD
SENSEI ...!!
CRUMBLE

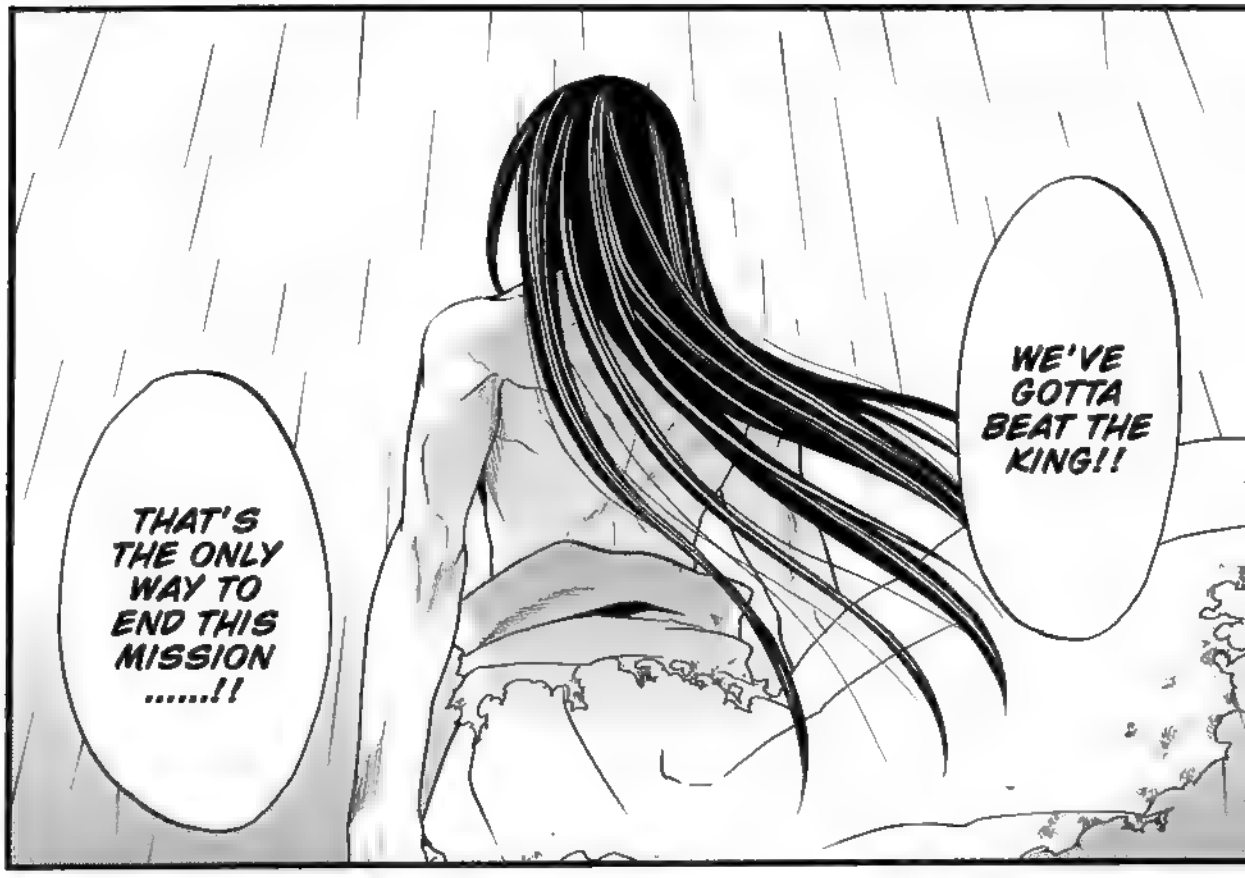
!

HEYA .....
SORRY..... FOR CAUSING ALL THIS TROUBLE.
COUGH.


!!
SEEP
ジワ

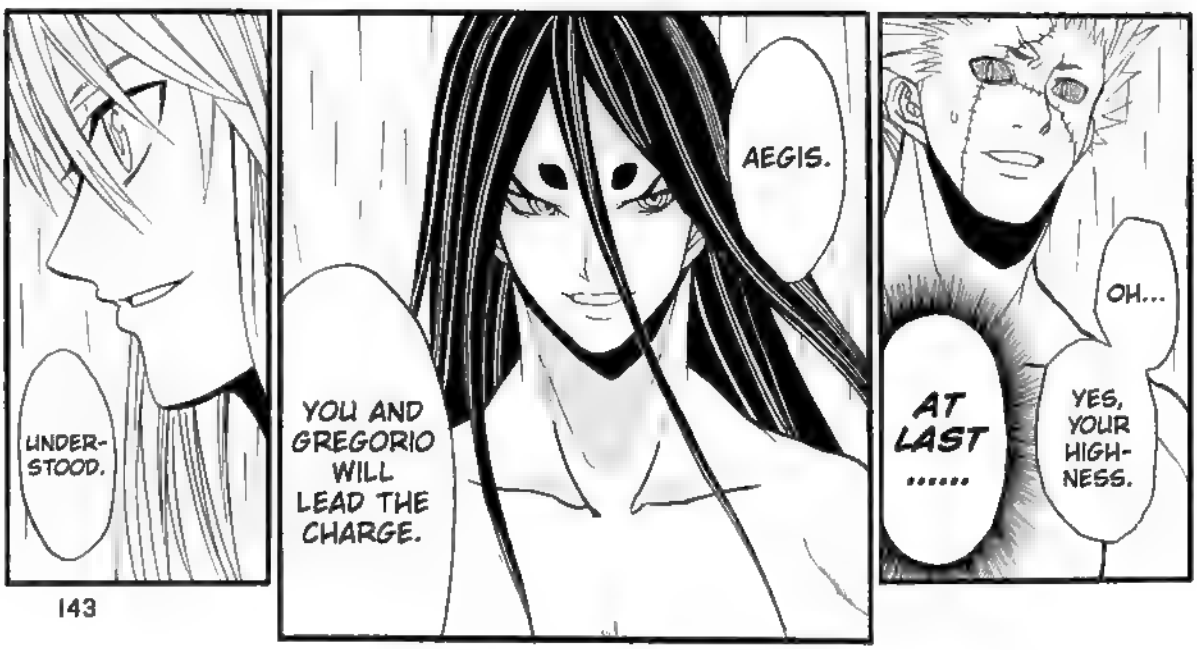
SE—...
SENSEI ...!!
I THINK IT FELL AROUND THERE...
COUGH ゲホ...
WHILE I HAVE YOU..... MIND LOOKING FOR THAT SWORD OF MINE?

WE'RE... NOT DONE... YET.
THE OPER-ATION CONTIN-UES.....


WE'VE GOTTA BEAT THE KING!!
THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO END THIS MISSION .....!!

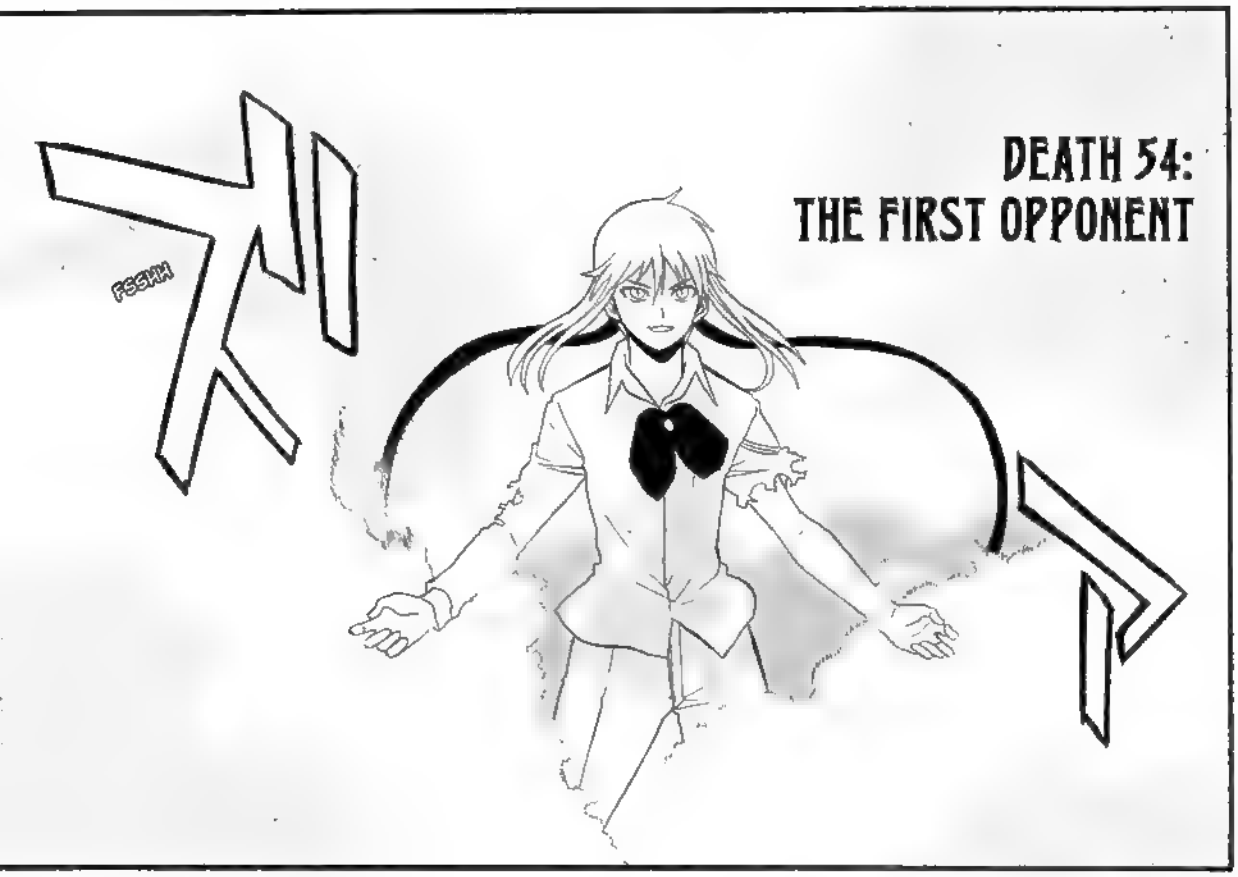
WE ABSO-LUTELY ...
... CANNOT ALLOW THEM TO PASS THROUGH THAT RAIN .....!!

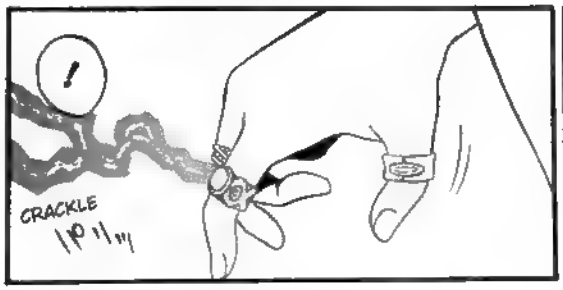
THE TIME IS NIGH.
PREPARE TO DEPART ...
...AND BEGIN THE INVASION.
!!


AT LAST .....
OH...
YES, YOUR HIGH-NESS.
AEGIS.
YOU AND GREGORIO WILL LEAD THE CHARGE.
UNDER-STOOD.

FSSSHHH
I'VE BEEN WAITING TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT.
IT'S BEEN NOTHING BUT BEHIND-THE-SCENES WORK SINCE I GOT TO THIS COUNTRY.
NOW, I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU LET ME WIELD *THIS*, UNRESTRAINED .....

VERY WELL.
SHOW ME, THEN.
THE MAGIC OF YOUR UNBROKEN VARCOLACI LINE.....


FSSHH
DEATH 54:
THE FIRST OPPONENT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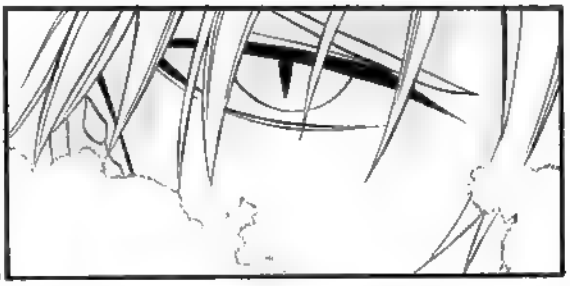
CRACKLE



YEAH.
I CALL IT "NIFLHEIM."

.....
HMPH..... NEAT.
Ap 3.... LICK
SO THAT'S YOUR WEAPON, AEGIS DEVLORT?

DUNCE-LORT!
I'VE TOLD YOU NOT TO REVEAL OUR CLAN'S SECRETS SO FREELY!
OWWWWW.

WHAK
OW!!

!

JUST GET TO THE HEADS.
I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT YOUR SECRETS OR GOALS.
AEGIS.

WHOOSH
.....
RELAX, KEITO.
THEY'RE ALREADY AWAITING THE KING'S ORDERS INSIDE THAT MIST.

I GAVE YOU THE SKULLS OF 314 OF MY COMRADES-IN-ARMS .....
YOUR JOB IS TO CHANGE THEM BACK INTO THE KING'S SOLDIERS, ISN'T IT?

WELL DONE.
THE GATES ARE FLUNG OPEN BEFORE ME.
LEAD MY COUNTRY TO PROSPERITY.

SENSE! ……! I FOUND IT.
NICE ……
THANKS… OURI……
HAA.

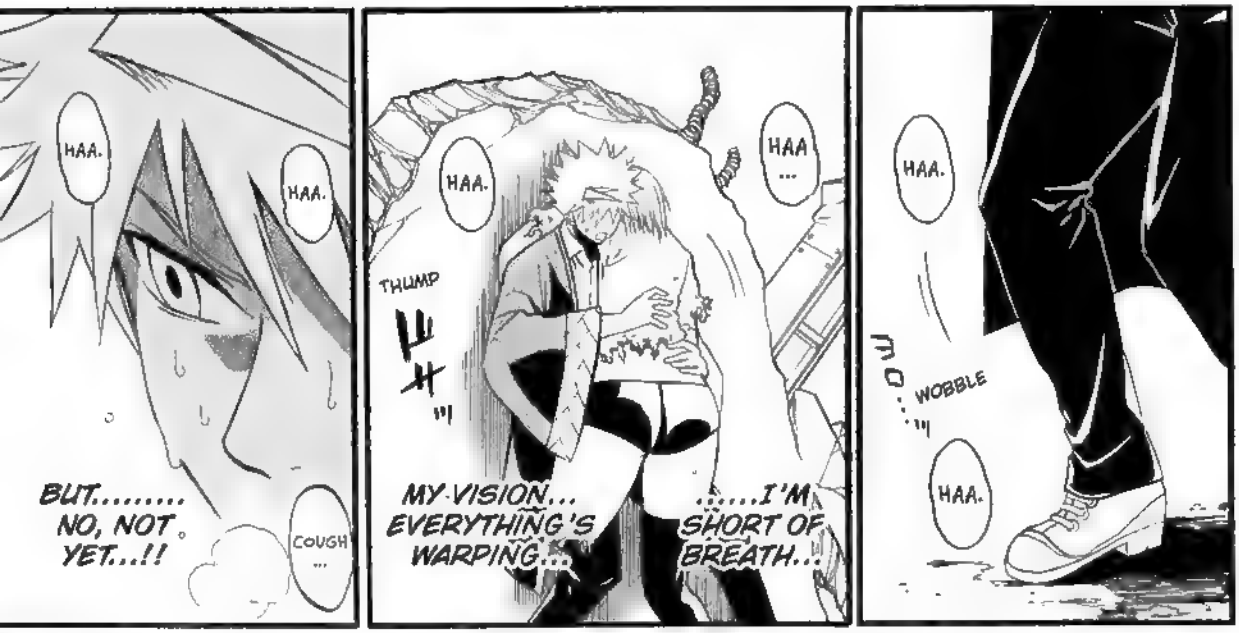
CRUMBLE

!

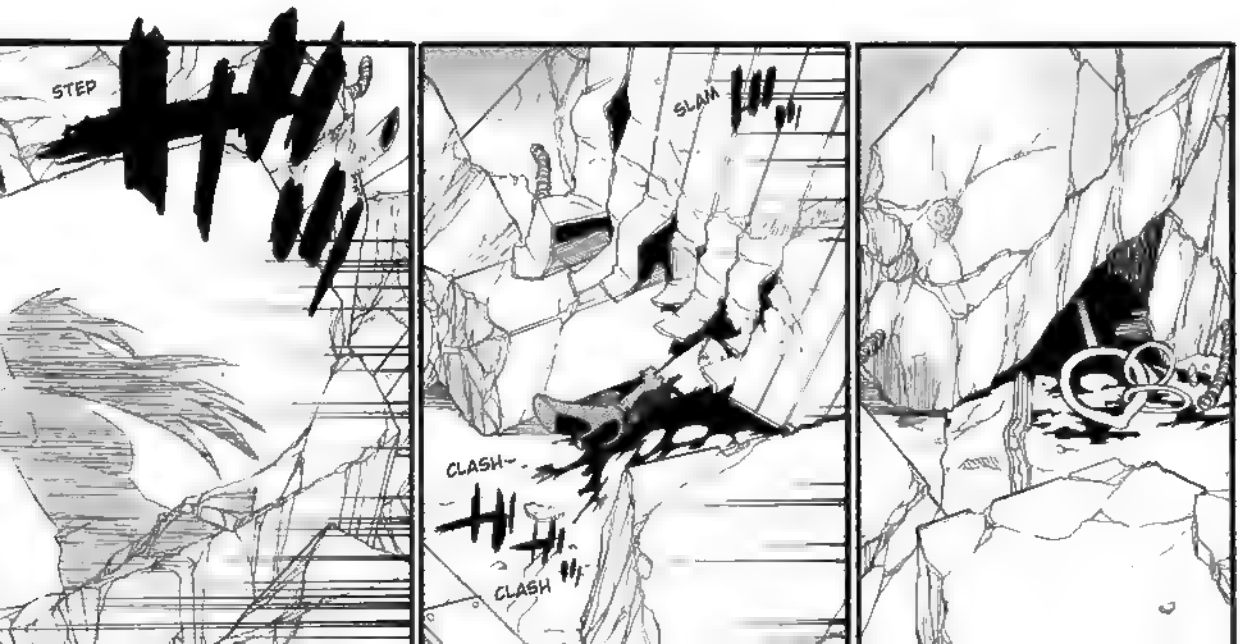
ALL RIGHT... NOW THEN...
LEAN
I THINK..... WE'VE GOT ONE LAST CARD TO PLAY.....
TAKA-MASA..... CAN YOU BRING ME ONE OF YOUR SPARE BOW-STRINGS?
EH? AH..... SURE.

SENSEI .....
GOT IT.
I WON'T DO ANY GROPING!
TRY NOT TO GROPE HER BOOBS, HUGE AS THEY ARE!
OURI. TAKE SAWAMIYA FOR A MINUTE.

YOU GOT THAT?
..... YES.
AND ARROWS SHOT AT THE ENEMY DON'T TURN BACK, FEARING FOR THEIR LIVES.
WE'RE ARROWS, TAKA-MASA.

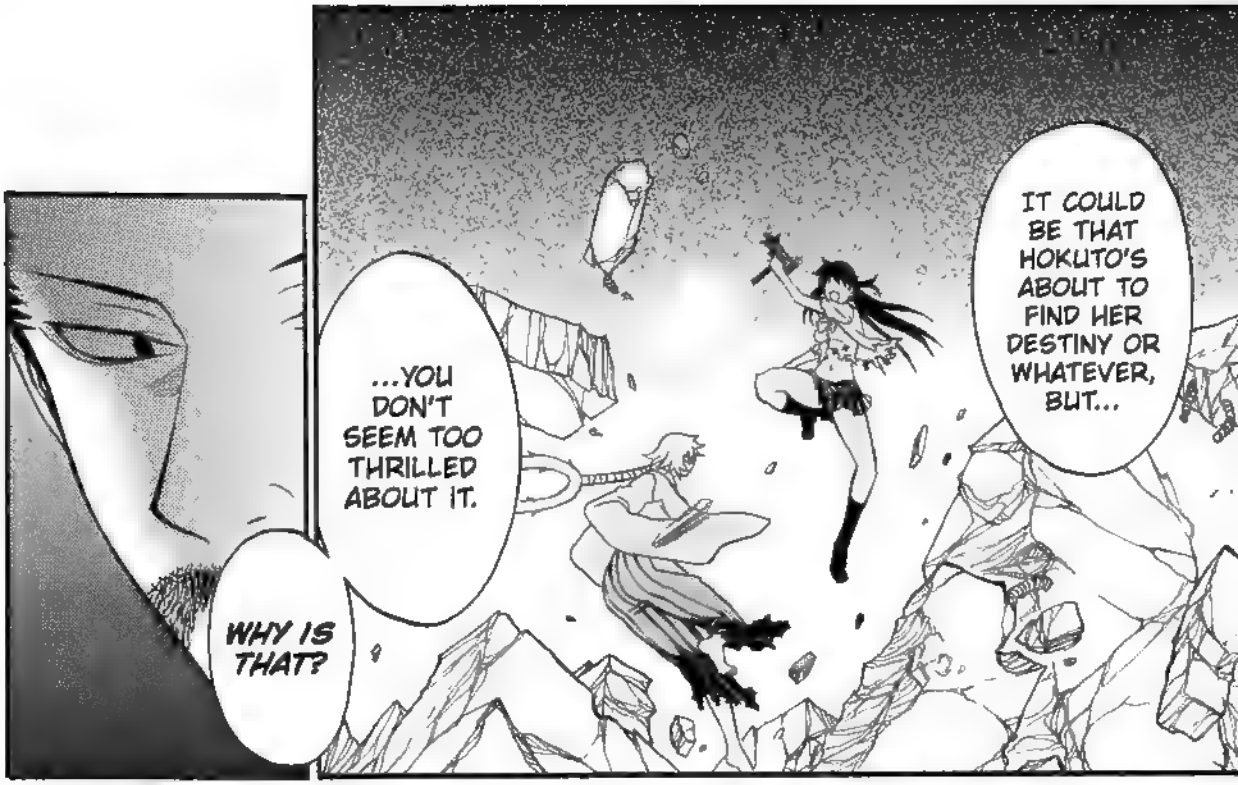

HAA.
HAA.
BUT.....
NO, NOT
YET...!!
COUGH
...
HAA.
HAA
...
THUMP
MY VISION...
EVERYTHING'S
WARPING...
.....I'M
SHORT OF
BREATH...
HAA.
WOBBLE
HAA.

WHAM
AS LONG AS
HOSHIMURA-SAN'S
STILL USING HER
CURSE.....
I'LL HANG IN
THERE.....!

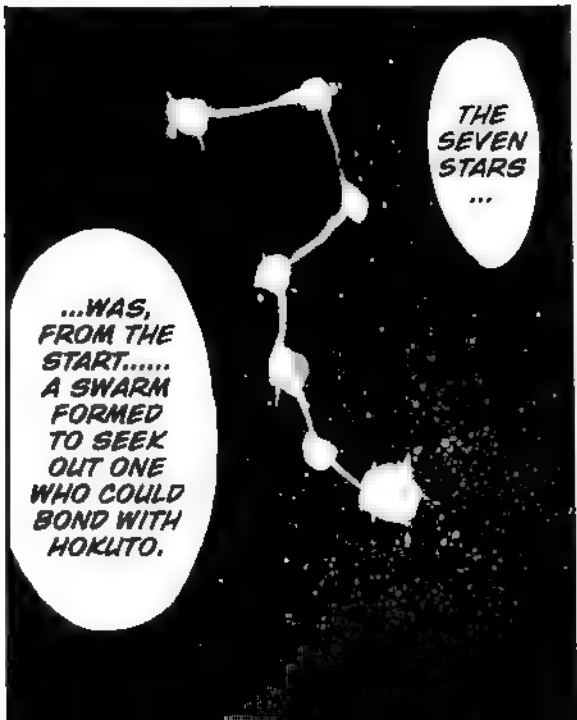

STEP
SLAM
CLASH-
CLASH

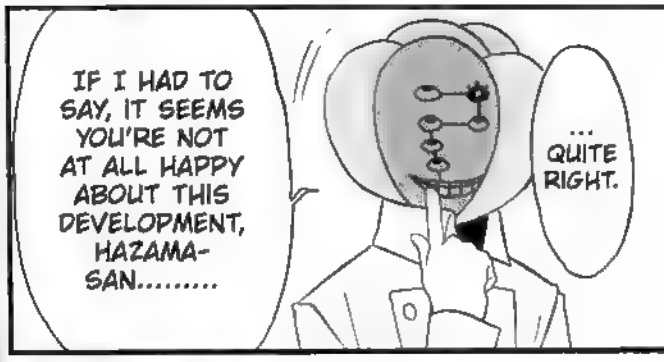
POW!
SQUASH
TWIST
PSSHH
HMGH...
PLIP
!
SPIT

SKID
!
POW
SKID
SKID
HAA .....
HAA ...!
HAA.
ゴキ
CRACK
...
LOOKS LIKE SHE REALLY MIGHT BE HOKUTO'S DESTINY.
YIKES.
CURSE OR NOT..... THAT HOSHIMURA GIRL'S GOT GUTS.
HEY, I'VE BEEN WONDERING ...
.....
HOKUTO STILL HASN'T TRANS-FORMED... WE CAN'T BE SURE.
..... PER-HAPS.


IT COULD BE THAT HOKUTO'S ABOUT TO FIND HER DESTINY OR WHATEVER, BUT...
...YOU DON'T SEEM TOO THRILLED ABOUT IT.
WHY IS THAT?

HUMANS TEND TO THINK OF DESTINY AS SOMETHING LIKE "FATE."
SOMETHING ONCE IN A LIFETIME...A MIRACULOUS ENCOUNTER THAT MAY OR MAY NOT HAPPEN.
AS A SHIKABANE, HOKUTO WOULD OBVIOUSLY BENEFIT FROM THE BIRTH OF REGRETS AND CONVICTIONS LIKE THAT. IT WOULDN'T BE A BAD THING.
..... SO WHY DO YOU LOOK SO SOUR?


THE SEVEN STARS ...
...WAS, FROM THE START..... A SWARM FORMED TO SEEK OUT ONE WHO COULD BOND WITH HOKUTO.

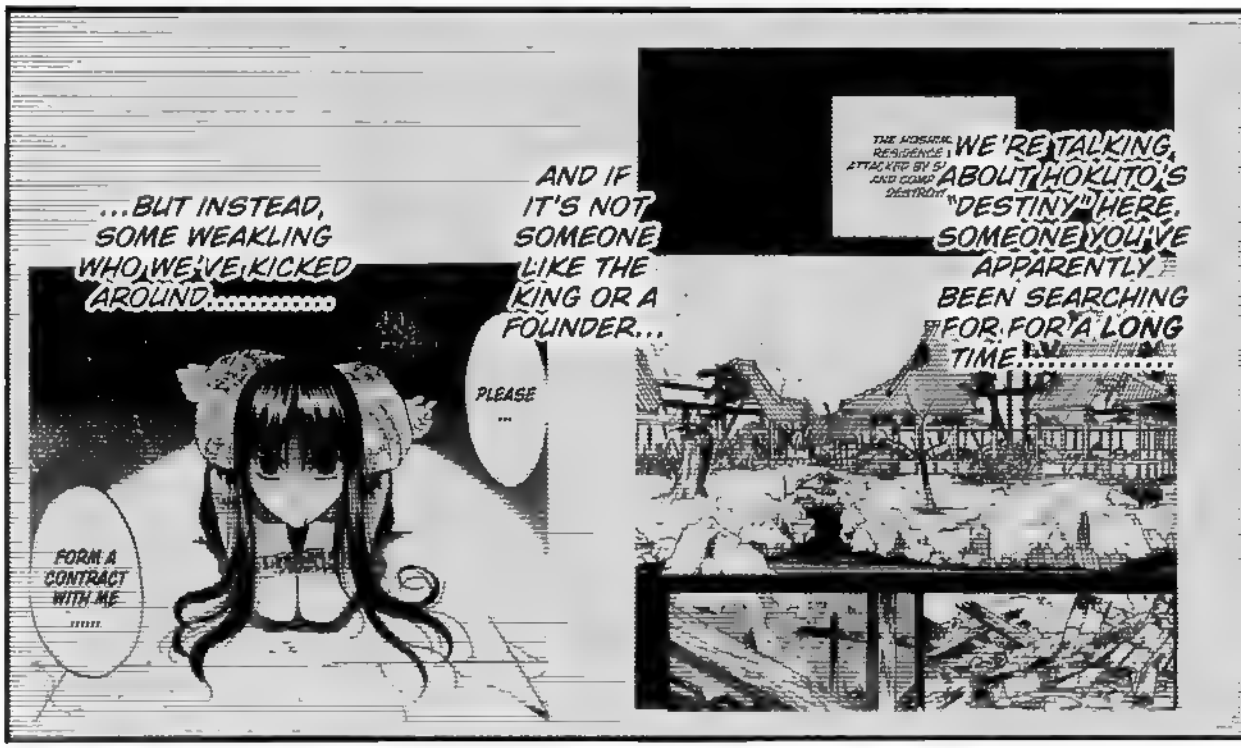

IF I HAD TO SAY, IT SEEMS YOU'RE NOT AT ALL HAPPY ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT, HAZAMA-SAN.....
... QUITE RIGHT.

.....

NO... SURELY I EXPLAINED IT, LONG AGO.
REALLY? YOU DID?
...HUH?
FIRST I'M HEARING OF THIS.
EH ...
!
HO-KUTO'S EYES PERCEIVE THE TRUTH IN THINGS...
...BUT THIS RENDERS HER UNABLE TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS, SO ALL HUMANS APPEAR THE SAME TO HER.
SHE HAS NO HOPE OF FORMING ANY BONDS, NOT KNOWING WHO IS WHOM.
THAT IS WHY WE SPREAD WORD OF HOKUTO.
IN THE HOPES THAT SHE WILL ENCOUNTER WHAT SHE SEEKS...
OUR SWARM EXISTS FOR THAT REASON.
IF THE HOSHIMURA GIRL IS *INDEED* WHAT SHE SEEKS .....
...WHY WOULD I BE DISSATISFIED WITH THAT?

YOU'RE ...
... ACTUALLY... NOT HAPPY ABOUT THIS.

IN REALITY .....
..... I GET IT..... IT ALL MAKES SENSE.


...BUT INSTEAD, SOME WEAKLING WHO WE'VE KICKED AROUND.....
FORM A CONTRACT WITH ME .....
PLEASE ...
AND IF IT'S NOT SOMEONE LIKE THE KING OR A FOUNDER...
THE HOSHIN RESIDENCE ATTACKED BY S-CLASS COMP DESTROY
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HOKUTO'S "DESTINY" HERE. SOMEONE YOU'VE APPARENTLY BEEN SEARCHING FOR FOR A LONG TIME.....

?
... BUT I'D BETTER KEEP MY MOUTH SHUT ABOUT THAT.
DON'T WANNA PISS HIM OFF.
HEH HEH HEH.
YOU MAY HATE HUMANS, BUT YOU'RE MORE LIKE THEM THAN YOU CARE TO ADMIT, HAZAMA .....!!
YOU'RE LIKE A FATHER, LOOKING AFTER HIS DAUGHTER.
HEH HEH ...
SKID
SKID

GRAB
GRAB
UOHH ...
OHH ...
OHHHH.
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
LIFT
SLAM
!!
WHOOSH

KAPOW
!!
WHOA. LOOKS PAINFUL.
.....
.....
HAA.
HAA.
DRIP

BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
.....
WHO... ARE...
...YOU .....?
!?
WHAT'D YOU .....?
.....
..... WHO ...?
.....
TCH.
.....!!
.....!? .....

...GIVE ME...
DON'T ...
... THAT SHIT !!!
SLAM
YOU SAYING YOU DON'T KNOW !?
CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER WHO YOU'VE KILLED!?
KACHAK
OUR VERY LIVES .....!!
THEY MEAN NOTHING TO YOU. JUST PART OF THE SCENERY !!
IS THAT ALL WE'RE WORTH TO YOU !?

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
HOW ABOUT I CARVE IT INTO YOU THEN!?
THE NAME OF THE ONE YOU KILLED— MY NAME !!!
WHAT A LOAD OF SHIT!!!
BOOM
CLAK
CHAK
MY NAME IS...!!
THE NAME OF THE ONE WHO'S GONNA KILL YOU IS...!!
MAKINA HOSHI-MURA !!!!

SORRY, BUT THAT'S ENOUGH.
FWOOM
PLEASE STEP AWAY FROM HOKUTO-SAN.
TURN
BOOM

PLING
PLING
PLING
PLING
BLAM
BLAM
!!
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
NO CHOICE, THEN ...!
RIP
NOT BAD AT ALL, KID .....!
BURST
!!
...!?

MA—
.....
...KI.....
NA.
.....
MAKINA.
MAKINA...
MAKINA.
MAKINA...
MAKINA.
!?
KU
SHUDDER
SHE'S.....
CHANGED,
SOMEHOW
.....?
!?
WHAT
THE...?
!!
FWIP
MAKINA!

WHOA !?
TMP
STEP
STEP
!!
MAKINA...!
...!
SHE'S .....!?
STEP
GRAB
!?
BOOM
BOOM
!
DODGE

KYAHH.

...!

!

WHA—
.....!
.....HEY.

.....
SHE.....
KISSED
HER?

WHAT'S SHE.....!?

MMM
.....

NNN...

SUCK

SUCK

GRIP

!!

TWITCH

SUCK

!?!!?

KYAHH.
...!
WHA—
.....!
.....HEY.
.....
SHE.....
KISSED
HER?
!
MMM
.....
NNN...
SUCK
SUCK
GRIP
WHAT'S
SHE.....!?
!!
SUCK
SUCK
TWITCH

!!
BLAM
BLAM
WOBBLE
KAH... Y— ...
...!!
COUGH .....
TMP
TMP
SKID
...!!
SPLURT
UCK...

DANGLE
FU-FU.....
.....FU.
DRIP
DRIP
SWALLOW
SUCK
MUNCH
CRUNCH
GRABBING WHAT'S LEFT OF HER TONGUE TO KEEP FROM SWALLOWING IT
MY..... DESTINY ....
.....HEH.
SHUDDER
.....!!

FOUND...
...YOU.

SHUDDER
!!!!
FWOOM
THIS IS BAD!!
RUMBLE
FSSHH
SWIRL
...DIFFERENT!!
SHE'S...
GRAB

!!
SKID
SKID
SKID
KWAHH ...!!
KAGHAK
FU-FU.....
MAKINA.....
BLUB
TCH .....
SHE'S... NOT LIKE THE OTHER SEVEN STARS..... NO.....!!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
GRAG

SNAP
AGAHH .....
GYAHH ...
AHH.
GYAHHH
SHE'S NOT LIKE OTHER SHIKABANE !!!!
CRACK
メキ
CRACK
メキ
SNAP
WHAT... INCREDIBLE STRENGTH..... MY BODY'S BEING CRUSHED...!!!
AHH... GAH.
HAA ...
SPURT
MAKINA.
MAKINA.
DON'T FALTER!!
BURST
MY CURSE EXISTS JUST TO KILL HER !!
AH!!
AH.
AHH... AHH.
!

WHIFF
!!?
MY CURSE
.....
EH ...?
GRAB
!
FLIP
CRACK
POP
POP
SNAP
!!!

GAHH.
MY CURSE'S POWER, IT'S.....
KAH...
...RI.....
OU—
.....
DRIP
DRIP

IS ALL WELL?
YOUR HIGH-NESS?
...
.....
WHOOSH
...NOT ONLY STILL DRAW BREATH, BUT ACTUALLY REFUSE TO GIVE UP.
SEVERAL OF THE MONKS WHO HAVE FALLEN BELOW ...
FASCI-NATING .....
YES, YOUR HIGH-NESS.
AEGIS AND THE OTHERS HAVE DEPARTED, YES?
NO.
PER-SISTENT LITTLE MAGGOTS. I'LL FINISH THEM OFF .....
!?

LET ME..... GIVE THEM ONE LAST PARTING GIFT.
VERY WELL .....
WHOOSH
TENSE
SHING
SLAM

TENSE
RUMBLE
UNDER-STOOD !!
SEALED MANDALA —
GRIP
THE REST... IS UP TO YOUR SEALED MANDALA..... TAKAMASA.
I'M PUMPING MY OWN AURA THROUGH THESE ARMS AND THE BLADE .....

SIX REALMS EXORCISM !!!
FWOOSH

WHIRL.
FWIP
FWOOSH

WHOOSH
SENSEI !!
CRAP...!! DID HE NOTICE .....!?
FOOM
!!
IT'S TOO LATE FOR HIM!!
BUT...
LIFE IS CRUEL, MONKS.
NO MATTER HOW MANY SACRIFICES YOU HUMANS MAKE .....
...STILL, YOUR BLADE WILL NOT REACH ME.
SWISH

FWOOM
THUD
CLASH
A HIGHLY COMPRESSED LAYER OF AIR SPINS ABOUT ME.
CRACK
CRACK
TO PIERCE IT WOULD REQUIRE THE POWER TO ERADICATE A GREAT TYPHOON.
BUT HUMANS .....
...LACK SUCH POWER.
CLASH
CLASH
RUMBLE
..... UGH !!
SPLURT
NOT YET !!
RUMBLE
DON'T GIVE UP, TAKA-MASA !!
UOHH.
OHH.
RUMBLE
IT IS NO USE.
RUMBLE
HHA
HH

SNAP
CLUNK
CLANG
!!!
.....IMPRES-SIVE.
YOU DID PIERCE MY WALL OF WIND.
.....HOW-EVER...
IT ENDS NOW.

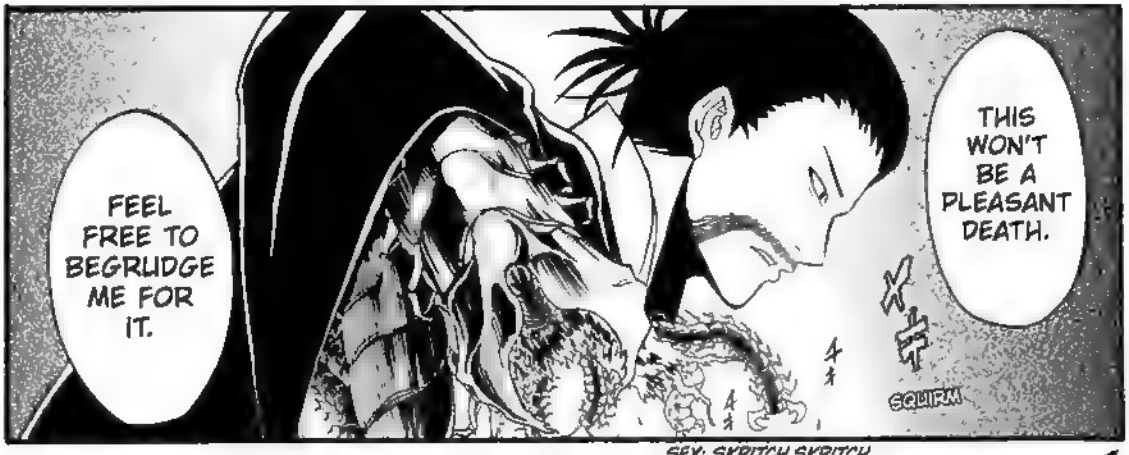
!!
GWAHH!!
SPLURT
PIERCE
PIERCE
PIERCE

FAREWELL, MONKS.
IF IT IS OUR FATE TO MEET AGAIN, I WELCOME IT...
...AS THE LAND OF THE DEAD'S KING.

... GUH !!
THUD
WAIT ...!!
KING !!!

FADE
FADE
FADE
IT'S OVER.
YOU'VE LOST, MONKS.
YOU SAW IT, YES?
THE KING PASSED THROUGH.
.....!!
GUH !!!
SAWA-MIYA!!
OURI !!
TCH .....
!!

!!?
SLAM
HACK
RUSTLE
.....
MAKINA
.....
HOSHI
.....
MURA
.....
SQUIRM
...DIE TOGETH-ER.
AND NOW, YOU WILL ALL ...



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EVERY PART OF ME...IS COMPLETELY DRAINED.....
I CAN'T... MOVE.
CRAP.....!!
HOSHIMURA..... SAN.
SENSEI.....
SQUIRM
SQUIRM
SQUIRM
TAKAMASA.....
HEH HEH.
..... BUT..... THIS...IS REALITY ...
I THOUGHT THAT I COULD FIGHT. THAT I COULD HELP OUT.
CRAP ...!!

Corpse Princess 12 End

"SHALL WE.....LEND YOU A HAND?"
SO SAYS THE BLACK CAT—OURI'S CONSTANT COMPANION WHO CALLS HIM AN "OMINOUS DEATH OMEN." MAKINA IS POWERLESS BEFORE AN AWAKENED HOKUTO, AND OURI IS OUT OF OPTIONS. IN THIS DIRE MOMENT, THE CAT APPEARS. OURI NEEDS THE POWER TO ESCAPE THIS PREDICAMENT, AND WHAT HE GETS IS A STARTLING TRANSFORMATION.

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COMING SOON

SMILE
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LET'S GO PICK UP CHICKS!!
HEY, AKASHA.

WHA—!? IGNORING ME AND MAKING ME RUN AN ERRAND.....!? AT LEAST GIMME A "YES" OR "NO." U
WELL, IF YOU'RE GOING INTO TOWN, PLEASE PICK UP SOME TOFU FOR ME.
THE SILKEN KIND.
...AND WAIT— WHAT WAS WITH THAT FACE!? DOES THE IDEA DISGUST YOU THAT MUCH !?
YES.
FLIP
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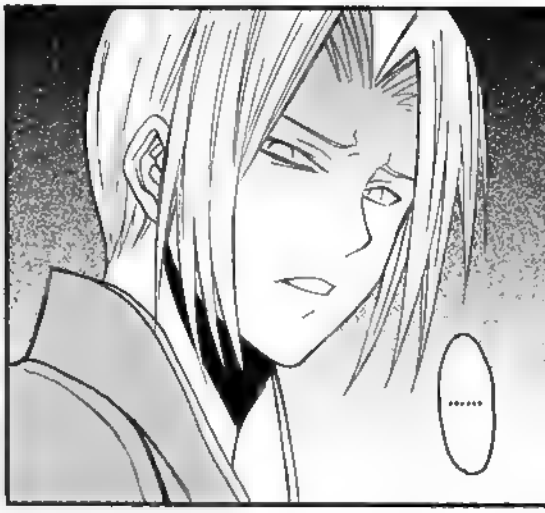
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"AT LEAST" YOU SAY?
WHY WOULD I DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
ALL RIGHT, THEN...WOULD YOU AT LEAST CROSSDRESS AND PUT ON A GEISHA ACT, THEN?
LIKE IN "MAIKO HAAAAN!!!"

BOO. BOO !!
RIGHT. IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE A MONK. PRESERVING YOUR CHASTITY, AND ALL. I WON'T LET IT GET TO ME.
BUT A REAL MAN LIKE ME NEEDS HIS FAIR SHARE OF GIRLS.....!!

OH!? WHOZZAT?
BESIDES WHICH..... I KNOW SOMEONE MUCH MORE SUITED TO THAT.

OHHH!! IT LOOKS GOOD ON YOU.
WHY THIS OUTFIT?
HOLD ON A SEC!! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, MAKING ME DO THIS!?
EXPLAIN YOURSELF!!
.....
HAIR EXTENSIONS
AEGIS
THAT DOESN'T MAKE IT ANY BETTER!!
NO PICTURES!!
CLICK
SMILE
YOU!!
ARE YOU REALLY MY RETAINER!? YOU SEEM MORE LIKE AN ENEMY TO ME!!
AEGIS
HE SAID HIMSELF THAT HE HAS TOO MUCH FREE TIME. PLEASE USE HIM AS YOU SEE FIT.
DON'T ACT ALL FRIENDLY WITH ME!!
HEY AEGIS, LET'S HAVE A DRINK TOGETHER!!
"HEH HEH"? I HEARD YOU GIGGLING!!
NOT AT ALL. THIS, TOO, IS A TRIAL ANY GOOD KING MUST ENDURE. ...HEH HEH.
...WE NEED TO TALK.
HEY...
FU-FU-FU...
CRACK
CRACK
BUT HEY, NOW YOU'RE TOTALLY THE CUTEST BABE IN OUR WHOLE ORGANIZATION!!
HA HA HA.

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YOU'RE MY SWORN ENEMY NOW!!
...WHAT? YOU'VE ALREADY GOT A GIRL!?
NOW THEN!! WE'LL HEAD OUT ON RAINY DAYS LOOKING FOR GIRLS IN WET T-SHIRTS! AND APPROACH THE LOVELY LADIES HANDING OUT TISSUE PACKS AND FLYERS SO THAT WE CAN ACCIDENTALLY BRUSH OUR HANDS AGAINST THEIRS!! FEAR NOT!! IT'S ALL LEGAL!!
WHAT!? DON'T REMEMBER ME!? DON'T WORRY. WE'LL BE FRIENDS FROM NOW ON!!
YAHAA! MY NAME IS HIROSHIGE USHIJIMA!! A HIGH SCHOOL BOY IN THE PRIME OF LIFE!!
FU HA HA HA HA.
USO
キン二ク
MUSCLE

AKAHITO YOSHIICHI

NOZOMI KASUGA
HEIGHT: 154 CM
WEIGHT: 49 KG
(H CUP)
BLOOD TYPE: A
BIRTHDAY: OCTOBER 16TH
FAVORITE THINGS:
ROLL CAKE,
MARSHMALLOWS,
OURI (AS A BOY)
LEAST FAVORITE THINGS:
GHOSTS, SHIKABANE
SPECIAL ABILITY:
CAKE SOMMELIER (SHE CAN TELL WHICH BAKERY ANY GIVEN CAKE COMES FROM JUST BY LICKING THE CREAM)
MIZUKI INUHIKO
HEIGHT: 156 CM
WEIGHT: 43 KG
(A CUP)
BLOOD TYPE: O
BIRTHDAY: APRIL 28TH
FAVORITE THINGS:
MINT FLAVORS
(PEPPERMINT, SPEARMINT),
OURI (AS A TOY)
LEAST FAVORITE THING:
PEOPLE WHO GIVE UP EASILY
SPECIAL ABILITIES:
MNEMONICS,
REMEMBERING PEOPLE'S FACES
BOUNCE
ぼにょん
THEY'RE HUGE!!

TRANSLATION NOTES

OVERALL

Japanese Buddhism has a complex ranking system for its monks called *soukan* (*sou* meaning "monk," and *kan* implying hierarchy). Monks in this story often address each other by rank.

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